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At such a crucial time, with terrorism, nuclear proliferation, a declining middle-class, poverty, the need to redesign our education system, crumbling infrastructure, international competitiveness, healthcare and so much more on the front pages of newspapers on a daily basis, we need to have faith that our future leaders will bring us forward in a way that will improve the quality of life for the average American. But poll after poll shows that most Americans don't have confidence in either Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton. I share the concerns.

Hillary Clinton and the Democratic party establishment, did everything they could to ensure that the voices opposed to the establishment, led by Bernie Sanders, did not upset their apple cart. The Democratic establishment seems to have prevailed. Polls show that most Americans believe that Hillary is not trustworthy, including that she lied about her private email server. This issue is not over. There may still be an FBI shoe that has yet to drop. If she is indicted over this issue, it could have serious implications in the general election and further erode Americans' confidence in Hillary.

One would think that something as dramatic as an FBI indictment would be the death knell to her candidacy. But not so fast. While Donald Trump crushed the establishment crowd on the Republican side with his insult-your-way-to-the-nomination strategy, his comments regularly raise charges of racism and more. Polls show that most Americans don't appreciate the Trump style. His negatives are even higher than Hillary's.

But for now these are the only two major-party general election candidates for the highest office in the world. So, is it a done deal that the 2016 race will be Trump vs. Hillary? MSNBC contributor Mark Halperin commented that he has a feeling that one of them may not make it to the general election and gave rationale for either Trump or Hillary leaving the process. Is there more drama to come?

Like Barack Obama or not, his poll favorites are over 50 percent, pretty amazing considering the challenges of his presidency. My guess is that if he were allowed to run for a third term with Trump or Hillary as his competition, he'd win again.

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ON THE COVER 14 50 FAVORITE

MEALS Back in the cold days of winter, Hippo readers voted for their favorite people, places and things in southern New Hampshire — including picking a whole lot of eateries and menu items — for our annual Best of readers' poll. Those results were printed in the March 24 Hippo (find it at hippopress.com), and now we've expanded on several of the food entries and come up with a list of the best places to go for breakfast, lunch, dinner, coffee and dessert.



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Republican Executive Councilor Chris Sununu was again the deciding vote in a measure to fund a \$550,000 contract for Planned Parenthood, this time to approve the measure. The Union Leader reported Sununu, who's running for governor, broke from his fellow Republicans on the council and changed course from his previous 'no' vote, for which he cited an earlier investigation into Planned Parenthood for its alleged sale of body parts from aborted fetuses sparked by a controversial video. The investigation concluded and debunked the allegations, so Sununu said it was time to move on. This drew the ire of many members of the GOP, including those running against him in the gubernatorial primary such as state Rep. Frank Edelblut of Wilton. Edelblut accused Sununu of playing politics and misleading voters. State Sen. Jeanie Forrester, another GOP candidate, tweeted a picture of Sununu looking down at something and said he "was right to hang his head." And Joseph McQuaid, the publisher of the Union Leader, wrote a critical op-ed calling him two-faced. Sununu still has no friends among Democrats for voting against the contract in the first place 10 months ago.

After the vote, Gov. Maggie Hassan praised the council, but NH1 reported she criticized Sununu for voting against the contract previously, saying it affected services to women across the state.

Bomb squad

A security guard at the Statehouse reported a suspicious package on the front lawn, which triggered a response by the New Hampshire State Police bomb squad unit, on June 29. WMUR reported the package ended up being clothes belonging to a homeless man and the Union Leader reported it was a homeless man's tent. Staff and visitors were not allowed inside the Statehouse and the intersection between Main and Capitol streets was closed while the package was investigated by the Explosive Disposal Unit.

Miss NH

The Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program announced it is recruiting contestants for the 2016-

2017 season, according to a press release. Contestants must be 17 to 24 years of age and reside in New Hampshire to compete and they must be either a full-time student at a New Hampshire college or university or work full time in the state. To compete at the state level, they must first win a local preliminary competition, which may have more specific geographic requirements. Visit missnh.org for more info.

Trump in NH

Ahead of the June 30 speech delivered by Donald Trump behind an abandoned factory building in Manchester, there was a shakeup among Trump's New Hampshire campaign staff and the state GOP. WMUR first reported that Michael Biundo, a local Republican politico who's organized campaigns for 20 years, will be joining the Trump campaign as a senior advisor. It's a surprise move since Biundo worked for both the Rand Paul and John Kasich campaigns and has been openly critical of Trump in the past. Another change, according to the Boston Globe, is that Trump used the state GOP office to help organize his most recent New Hampshire event, rather than his state campaign office as he's done in the past. That staff was loyal to his former campaign manager Corey Lewandowski, a Windham Republican who was ousted the week before. While many of the state's Republicans still have a strained relationship with Trump — such as state GOP chair Jennifer Horn, a public critic — they seem to be maintaining a truce now that Trump is the presumptive nominee.

During the Manchester event, which focused mainly on trade deficits and strengthening domestic manufacturing, Trump fielded questions from a number of residents in attendance, including one woman who received some national media attention for asking Trump about replacing TSA's "heebeejabis" with veterans. Trump responded, "We are looking at that." NPR notes that members of the military and veterans are allowed to wear hijabs.

Pop-up dentist

Harbor Homes, a nonprofit service organization in Nashua, is going to launch a mobile oral health clinic within the next three months, according to a press release. The

clinic, provided through a traveling medical van, will be for low-income and homeless individuals in the greater Nashua area and specific destinations throughout the state. The van will include at least two pop-up dental operatories, a waiting room, a primary and mental health exam room and a bathroom. It will be staffed by one dentist and support staff with plans to hire more clinicians.

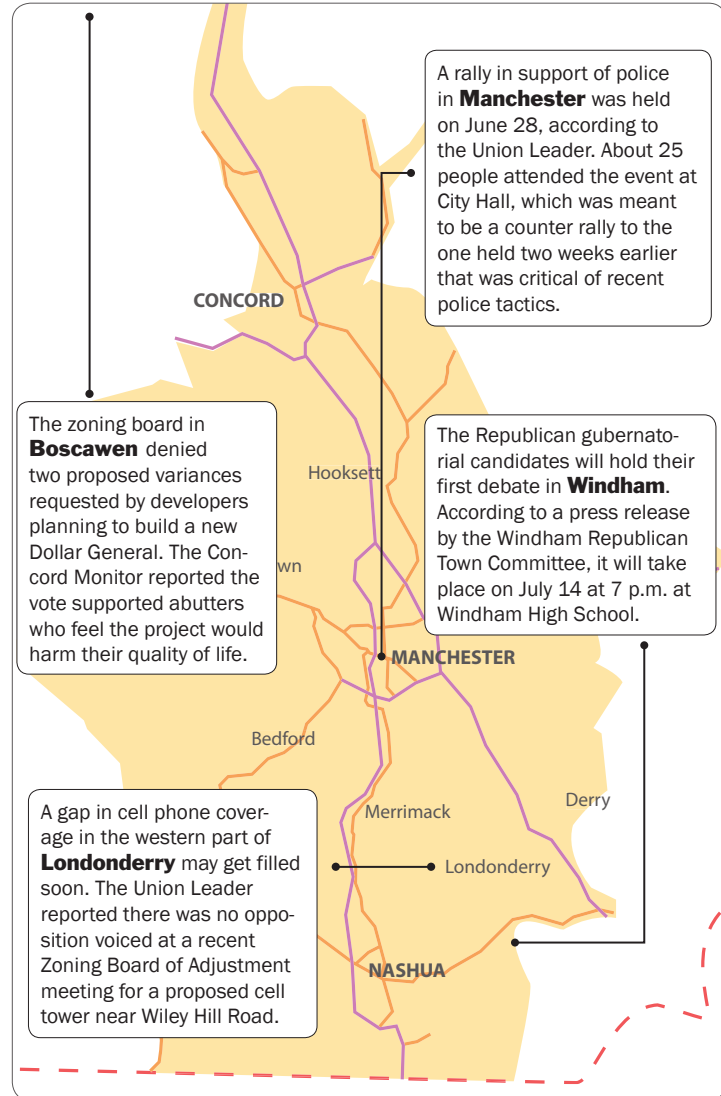
PFCs

The fifth major groundwater contamination with perfluorochemicals was identified by state environmental regulators at the Coakley Landfill, a federal Superfund site in Greenland. According to a press release, officials at the Department of Environmental Services detected concentrations as high as 1,108 parts per trillion, which is 16 times the state limit. Eight monitoring wells tested above acceptable limits. Investigators tasked with finding an environmental cause for a cluster of pediatric cancer cases in the Seacoast have been asking about Coakley Landfill since March.

Meanwhile, about 113 properties in Amherst now qualify for bottled water delivery because their well water tested at 70 ppt or higher. NHPR reported the Amherst PFC contamination is believed to be caused by a now defunct Textiles Coated International plant. Blood testing is set to begin this month for Merrimack residents living near the Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics plant.

Goodbye, Snow Plow

A 35-ton humpback whale named



Snow Plow washed ashore dead in Rye. The Union Leader reported the preliminary findings of an investigation found no signs of foul play, but they aren't ruling out a possible boat strike as the cause of death for the relatively young 18-year-old whale. Spectators wishing to catch a view of the dead whale caused traffic backups through much of the week, and NH1 reported some 30 people were seen up-close with the carcass

at night, despite a fence around it. Some were walking on top of the carcass, and it appears vandals may have cut off a piece of its skin. The next day, marine biologists started work dissecting the animal to look for any signs of human-caused injury or biotoxins in the internal organs. The whale's flesh will eventually be hauled away and composted while its skeleton will remain intact to be sent to a marine center or museum.

BEST WEEK

MANCHESTER'S JAILED ADDICTS

A new program at the Hillsborough County House of Corrections in Manchester aims to provide more treatment services for its inmates. The Union Leader reported County officials budgeted \$281,000 for the program known as Substance Abuse Treatment Community for Offenders, or SATCO. But Superintendent David Dionne says a last-minute cut of \$70,000 will likely slow the rollout of the program. It would involve providing up to 40 inmates an intensive two-month drug education that, once completed, makes inmates eligible for electronically monitored home release and job, housing and healthcare supports. While the program is included in the budget period that began on July 1, it will be rolled out gradually with partial staff and a smaller cohort of inmates.

WORST WEEK

LACONIA

After a brand new music festival component to Motorcycle Week ended early, festival organizers refused to pay \$63,130 of alleged over-billing for police and fire department services, the City of Laconia decided to pay off the debt itself. The Union Leader reported the city paid the full amount so it didn't close the fiscal year in the red. The money came from the Motorcycle Week fund, which had a balance of \$117,000. City officials may still pursue the concert promoter of record for the \$63,130 balance. Police are investigating claims that LaconiaFest employees weren't paid by concert promoters and claims from concert customers who want refunds for a cancelled Sevendust concert.

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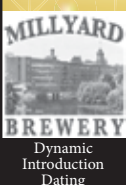
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Urban crime trends

Violent crime on the rise as property crimes drop

By Ryan Lessard
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Across the state and in major cities like Manchester, Nashua and Concord, burglaries have been reduced significantly. But police aren't celebrating yet, as crimes like aggravated assaults are seeing increases.

First, the good news

In 2013, burglaries had risen to a record high of 904 and were marked by a significant spike in the summer months with July alone seeing nearly 150 burglaries.

When Manchester's former police chief, David Mara, watched this happen, he decided to make burglaries one of the department's main areas of focus, saying that particular crime can have a devastating effect on a city's quality of life and sense of safety.

With Mara's new focus on burglaries, police started using crime data to fight the problem more proactively, turning spreadsheets into maps and getting access to a pawn shop database.

Fast forward three years and a lot has happened. What was then a clear but nascent heroin problem exploded into an epidemic in the city and throughout the state with skyrocketing overdoses and deaths. With addiction, property crimes tend to follow as desperate addicts turn to theft, robbery and burglary to pay for more drugs.

But burglaries indeed decreased in Manchester from that high in 2013 to 738 in 2014 and 675 in 2015.

Last year marked a 6-percent drop but the year-to-date numbers are even more promising. From January through June 22 of this year, there was a 31-percent decline compared to 2015. In fact overall Part 1 crimes (the FBI name for the eight most serious types of crime) in Manchester are down by 19 percent so far this year, largely due to declines in property crimes.

Larceny (felony thefts of property valued over \$1,000) and motor vehicle thefts have both fallen by 23 percent so far. Robberies are down slightly from 109 to 103.

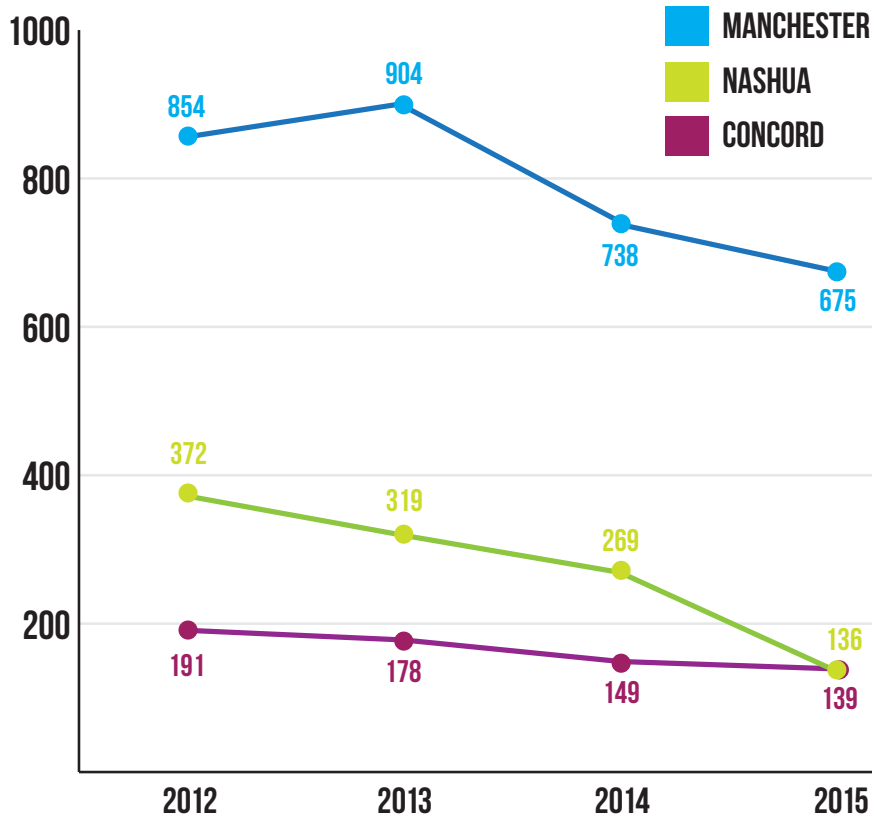
From 2014 to 2015, robberies were the only crime to see a decrease besides burglaries in the Queen City.

Manchester Chief Nick Willard said in a recent press conference that burglaries are down because the force has been using a number of aggressive strategies that target specific areas of the city and past offenders on parole. Burglars have a high recidivism rate but their crimes are often hard to prove unless they are caught in the act.

So, with the help of predictive policing models — which began in July 2015 and

Burglaries on the decline

Decrease due largely to shift in police tactics



Source: Concord, Manchester and Nashua police departments.

use historical data to suggest how patrols should be deployed — and surveillance by plainclothes police in the street crime unit, more burglars are getting caught.

Nashua Police Chief Andrew Lavoie says that has an exponential effect on crime numbers.

"If you have 100 burglaries, there are not 100 different people committing the burglaries. It's usually the same 10 people. [So] you start to take these people off the street and your burglaries come down dramatically," Lavoie said.

Other new strategies used in Manchester include Operation Granite Hammer, which gave narcotics investigators the resources to catch more drug dealers; Operation Cyan, which partnered city police with state police to enforce traffic offenses; "hotspot" initiatives, which use software to indicate area crime spikes over a two-week period; and what the chief calls "park-and-walks," when the chief himself drives to a hotspot, walks around and talks with residents to see what might be going on. He recalled a recent successful example of this.

"It took 10 minutes before a lot of the neighbors were pointing out a drug house. Two weeks later, our street crime unit shut that drug house down and immediately the

reports of prostitution and car thefts pretty much went down to zero," Willard said.

While robberies, larceny and other property crimes did not see consistent declines in every city, burglaries seem to be going out of style across the state.

After climbing to a high of 5,319 burglaries in New Hampshire in 2011, incidents consistently became fewer to 3,941 in 2014 — the fewest since 2009, according to the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Center.

Lavoie says burglaries in Nashua between Jan. 1 and March 12 had dropped by 51 percent.

"That's a pretty significant drop," Lavoie said.

Burglaries also halved in the Gate City between 2015 and 2014, from 269 to 136, the lowest in the past decade, according to data supplied by the Nashua police crime analyst. The average from 2005 to 2015 was 359. And the reasons are the same as in Manchester, according to Lavoie: a more aggressive and proactive police strategy that targets repeat offenders and hotspots using data.

Nashua is the only city of the three to see a decrease in larceny in 2015. The 37-percent decline from 2014 also brought the larceny numbers to a 10-year low. It's down

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In Manchester, larceny was essentially flat with a 3-percent increase but Concord saw a 24-percent increase in 2015.

"Maybe that's an easier way to get your money ... as opposed to burglary. Burglary is a very risky crime to commit for anybody," Concord Police Chief Bradley Osgood said.

Since those crimes are mostly committed by drug addicts, Lavoie believes a jump in drug arrests is to thank for the declines in property crimes. He says there have been more than 400 drug arrests so far this year, which is about twice as many as this time last year by his estimation.

Drug arrests in Concord are up by 56 percent so far this year.

The bad news: more violence

In all three cities, the number of aggravated assaults increased between 2014 and 2015. In Manchester, it was up by 14 percent, 24 percent in Nashua and 65 percent in Concord.

"It's becoming more and more violent, and I think we're seeing that in our numbers," Osgood said.

General violence is perhaps best represented in the aggravated assault category because it captures a great deal of domestic violence and gun violence, whereas homicides are generally seen as anomalous. Aggravated assaults in New Hampshire are crimes that cause serious bodily harm as well as hate crimes, domestic violence and choking.

In Manchester, these assaults are up 26 percent so far this year.

Willard said 38 percent of those 201 crimes were domestic abuse-related, which

is now tracked through a change in the law that was implemented at the start of 2015. It also increased the charges for choking to be included in the Part 1 crimes.

Even gun shots fired in the air or at buildings are counted as assaults, something that has happened a lot recently in Manchester — about 18 shootings over a six-week period.

"We had two competing gangs shooting at one another in the South Street area and we poured a bunch of resources into there," Willard said.

He says about most of those gunshots were committed by two groups of drug dealers from Boston firing bullets into apartments where their rivals were believed to reside. Willard says he's seen drug dealer violence going back to the crack wars of the 1990s.

Forcible rapes also appear to be on the rise in the three cities, but Willard and his counterparts in Nashua and Concord believe those numbers are partly up due to victims' feeling more empowered to speak up and report the crimes.

Ultimately, Osgood says the best way to reduce crime is to shrink the number of addicts in these cities. Fighting the epidemic requires "four legs of the stool," he says, which include law enforcement, prevention, treatment and recovery.

"If there's a big pot of money, I would suggest that about 70 to 80 percent of that money needs to go to treatment and recovery," Osgood said.

Willard agrees that tackling the demand side of the drug crisis is key.

"If we can do that, then I think this city is going to turn around in a hurry," Willard said. 🐼

We've created a monster

Why tick populations are still booming in NH

By Ryan Lessard
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Dr. Alan Eaton, an entomologist with the UNH Cooperative Extension, is on the hunt for BLTs. Not the sandwiches with bacon, lettuce and tomatoes — black-legged ticks. For the past 25 years, he's seen first hand how they've spread and multiplied, and it's we humans who have unwittingly armed them.

The end is nigh

We all know the inherent risks of being bitten by a black-legged tick, also known as a deer tick.

Besides Lyme disease, ticks are also transmitting to humans an increasing amount of babesiosis (a microscopic parasite) and anaplasmosis (a bacterial disease). Both diseases are treatable and can occur without symptoms, but extreme cases of anaplasmosis can be fatal. Though cases



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are still rare, Eaton expects those numbers to continue to rise, due in part to a largely unchecked explosion in tick populations.

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check stations in 1991, the highest concentration of BLT-infested deer was 11 percent in Rockingham County, and five counties along the north and west of the state saw 0 percent.

"Even though we looked at hundreds in those five counties, not a single deer had black-legged ticks on them," Eaton said.

They found .03 ticks per deer that year. But between more recent searches in 2013 and 2014, they found about 6 ticks per deer, and now every county has them.

Carroll County went from 0 to 100 percent, and in every county but Coos, black-legged ticks were found on the majority of deer checked.

And it's not just the black-legged ticks that are spreading. Other tick species like the American dog tick and winter tick have also been on the rise. Those are not common

Acorns as harbingers

When there is a bountiful crop of acorns in New Hampshire woods, which happens cyclically and unpredictably, it can be a useful way of predicting a boom in black-legged tick populations.

That's because "acorns are the coin of the realm," as Dave Anderson of the New Hampshire Forest Society puts it. Small mammals, including white-footed mice, eat the acorns, and their populations swell. Ticks rely on the mice as larvae, so the more mice we have, the more ticks we have by the multitudes.

Anderson says foresters have already noted a huge white-footed mouse population that's probably peaking right now. That's because of a heavy "mast crop" of acorns in 2013 and 2014. Given the lag time for reproduction, we might expect 2017 to be a record year for ticks, especially the kind that carries Lyme disease.

How to fight back

If you're returning from a trek in the woods, the first thing you should do is throw every article of clothing in the dryer and run it on high for an hour. Inspect every inch of your body and take a shower. If you find a tick attached, the CDC advises grabbing as close to the skin as possible with fine-tipped tweezers and pulling upward with steady pressure. Do not twist or jerk. If mouth parts remain on the skin, pull those off as well with the tweezers. Then, thoroughly clean the bite area with a sanitizer like rubbing alcohol, soap or an iodine scrub. To kill the tick, do not crush it in your fingers. Instead, drown it in alcohol in a sealed bag or container before disposing of it, or flush it down the toilet. The CDC also says to avoid "folklore remedies" like using heat to get a tick to let go. That doesn't work and you could risk burning yourself. The effectiveness of painting a tick in nail polish or Vaseline is also a myth.

disease vectors for humans to worry about, but they can affect woodland creatures.

Recent studies performed on the state's moose population are finding that winter ticks are having a devastating effect.

"We can certainly say with respect to winter ticks, they've reached high enough levels now that the mortality of moose calves is scary. It's ridiculously high," Eaton said.

About 80 percent of the 36 moose calves tracked by researchers died from tick-related ailments in their first year this past winter and spring.

A female tick can lay up to 3,000 tiny eggs on the ground, with a new generation every two years. Ticks have no natural predators. Only some fungi, dry heat and unfriendly winters can prove worthy adversaries.

The folly of man

The winter is normally a population control for ticks, but scientists say warming climates due to human-introduced greenhouse gases are giving ticks an advantage.

In addition to that, Eaton says changes we've made to the state's forests have been even more helpful to the blood-sucking arachnids.

Over the years, we've created more space for vegetation between what had previously been dense woodlands with rural and suburban housing developments.

This way larval black-legged ticks can find small rodents and birds to feed on near homes with birdfeeders and places where white-footed mice hide, like stacks of firewood. And when the ticks get older they can easily move on to larger mammals like deer, which thrive in the nearby woodlands.

That, combined with an invasive plant known as Japanese barberry, which provides an ideal micro-climate for ticks, has proven tantamount to building a luxury tick resort and mailing them invitations.

"We're the ones who have introduced it and we're the ones who are changing the habitat for its common abundance," Eaton said.

Eaton said that here in New Hampshire, we can be doing more to make sure we aren't hosts.

"Too many of us do not take checking for ticks and anti-tick behavior seriously enough," Eaton said.

He says checking for ticks daily is all that's needed to prevent Lyme disease. The ticks need to feed for 36 to 48 hours before the disease is transmitted, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Usually, the smaller, poppy-seed-sized nymphs are the perpetrators since adults are larger and easier to detect.

Right now, it's nymph season, so he cautions folks to be extra careful and check out extension.unh.edu for helpful tips on controlling ticks. 🐞

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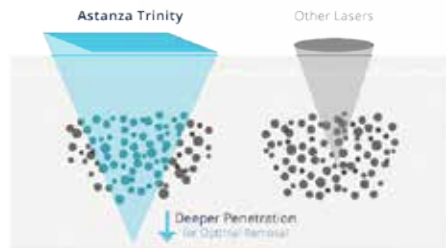
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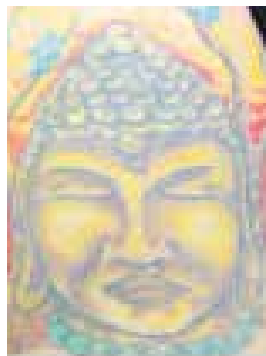
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Safe to swim?

Health official on local lake bacteria

Phil Alexakos of Bedford is the chief of environmental health and emergency preparedness at Manchester Health Department. He oversees health risks at recreational waters like Crystal Lake in Manchester, which has been repeatedly closed for temporary periods of elevated E. coli levels in recent years.

Q: What does it mean when E. coli is detected in a lake or pond?

I will say up front that any naturally occurring body of water is going to have some level of bacteria or other biological contaminants just by virtue of it being out of doors. Things that influence E. coli levels include animals — it's a naturally occurring bacteria in animal waste — as well as, there's a human contribution. We use E. coli as an indicator organism. It's something we can test for readily and it approximates the level of risk or contamination in any given sample.

So it's basically coming from feces?

Yes. [From] warm-blooded animals and/or humans. And things that can sort of contribute to an increase would be things like a heavy rain event, which could allow for heavy ... surface runoff to get into a body of water. It can also be a function of a high bather load ... meaning a lot of people in the water. ... When we have high levels... we try to figure out what is the root cause. There was a time when there were many septic systems that abutted Crystal Lake, in particular, but all those areas have been sewered now. Prior to my coming on board, which was in 1994 ... there were many instances where failed septic systems were detected along Crystal Lake ... that contributed to high bacterial counts. ... Since 1998, there have been 18 occurrences that resulted in us posting the water there as above the state standard, so it's an average of one per year and we sample weekly. So, over the course of a summer you might expect a heavy rain event or some other high bather content or ... people will bring their animals to use the lake, and we share that body of water.

What are some other bacterial risks public health officials like yourself are concerned about?

There are several what we would call waterborne illnesses that could make somebody sick, and when I say "make somebody sick" we're generally talking about gastrointestinal illness. There are other bacterial pathogens that, if we see E. coli, that we would ... expect to see. Things like norovirus, which can be actively shed from someone's fecal mate-



Phil Alexakos. Courtesy photo.

a pretty good indicator and it's a very protective indicator. Some of our neighboring states use limits that are higher than that. ... [But] just because something is below 88 doesn't mean they shouldn't wash their hands after they leave the lake water or swimming pool and then have lunch.

What precautions should swimmers take to keep the lake safe?

The diapering issue is really important because most regular diapers, they're absorbent and... make a contribution to the environment, whether it's a pool or a lake or a pond. Something that is tight-elastic-fitting like a swim diaper or a tight-elastic pants that go over a diaper are good things for children who are still training.

Would you swim in that lake?

My children actually attend a camp on Crystal Lake and we also test [water at] two day camps in the city. We test areas along the Piscataquog River and the Merrimack River and as long as those levels are below that threshold, and knowing that we have a very protective standard in New Hampshire, I'm very confident that the water is of high quality for a naturally occurring body of water.

Considering the perennial nature of this issue at Crystal Lake, are there any proactive solutions to reducing pathogens being considered?

Some stormwater interceptors were installed [in the late 1990s] and those were designed to collect runoff and store them so there would be some level of natural treatment and retention to reduce the burden of many different things in the lake. ... There's no approved method to add any sort of chemical, other than for dealing with some aquatic invasive weed species, so we're definitely not going to add chlorine to disturb what is a naturally occurring body of water. — Ryan Lessard

**WHAT ARE YOU
REALLY INTO RIGHT NOW?**

I really am a big soccer fan, so I'm enjoying the Euro 2016 and the Copa América. It's like soccer heaven.

QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX

**Hippo, as seen on Veep**

Some eagle-eyed readers may have noticed a nod to the Hippo in the Season 5 finale of HBO's political comedy *Veep*, which aired on June 26. A mock Hippo cover is briefly seen framed and hanging on a so-called "brag wall" set up in the show's Congressional office of New Hampshire's Jonah Ryan, portrayed by Timothy Simons. Ryan, the universally disliked character, transitioned from being a White House staffer to running for Congress in the middle of this season, and during the fictional election, some clever marketing folks created the tongue-in-cheek-yet-passable jonahryanforcongress.com website and even bought a full-page faux campaign ad in the Union Leader last month.

QOL Score: +2

Comment: *QoL likes it when New Hampshire is the subject of a well-researched joke.*

NH votes

New Hampshire's primary voter turnout was the best in the country, according to a recent article in the Union Leader, with 52.4 percent of the state represented in the ballots. Next was Wisconsin, with a rate of 49.4 percent, and Vermont was third with 39.8 percent. Data came from the U.S. Elections Project, maintained by Professor Michael McDonald of the University of Florida. The year 2016 also had the greatest number of voters New Hampshire ever saw in a presidential primary; 2008 saw 529,711 voters compared to this year's 542,433.

QOL Score: +2

Comment: *Civic engagement is always a good thing, in QOL's opinion — regardless of how you feel about the results.*

Electric rates going up

State regulators have approved an electric rate increase for Eversource Energy, which took effect on July 1. The Union Leader reported the rate went from 9.99 cents per kilowatt hour to 10.95 cents per kwh. That plus other changes will amount to an 8.4-percent increase. Typical customers who take 625 kwh per month from Eversource will see their bills go up from \$115 to \$125. The rate increase is for the cost of the energy service, not including costs for transmission and other charges. Other utility companies in the state base their rates on wholesale prices since they don't have power plants. Much of the cost increase for Eversource's energy production is related to environmental improvements at its plant in Bow.

QOL Score: -1

Comment: *Unitil and the New Hampshire Electric Coop are lowering their rates, but Eversource remains the state's largest utility.*

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The mid-season baseball report

Welcome to July and baseball's midway point. It's been a weird season so far that hasn't developed any real rhythm or momentum, at least in the AL, which is mired in mediocrity outside of Texas, who's come out of nowhere to play .620 ball — a number that puts them on pace to win 100 games. The Red Sox, for instance, played .500 ball in April and were lights out in May to make it look like this might be another worst-to-first season, followed by looking like their lights were about to be turned out thanks to going 10-16 behind some horrid pitching in June.

However, outside Boston, where few seem to have even heard of the National League, there are several interesting stories underway. In Chicago, Theo's Cubs are running away with the NL Central, but not from the San Francisco Giant, who lest you forget are in their even-numbered-year comfort zone, making me say, after seeing them win the World Series in 2010, 2012 and 2014, don't bet against them to win in 2016.

Beyond that, on the surprising upside I'd say are the all in first place (aforementioned) Rangers, Indians and Orioles. On the downside, the surprises are the sliding White Sox only because of the fast start and the struggling Mets whose vaunted young pitching is struggling with injuries, inconsistency and in the case of the in-love-with-himself Matt Harvey some, from my perspective, enjoyable general awfulness. With that summary in hand here are some other thoughts on baseball's first half and what lies ahead in the second half.

Earth to Dave Dombrowski: It's time to go for the No. 2-caliber starter the Red Sox desperately need now. Waiting any longer puts a promising season in peril. And don't make him a rental either.

Baseball 101 Quiz: Whose hit sent Pete Rose from second to score the winning run on his famous home plate collision with

Ray Fosse to win the 1970 All-Star game?

Anyone know why Jose Batista bats lead-off for Toronto? Seems nuts to me.

Speaking of Cubs hurlers, with a 2.03 ERA and more importantly being 9-3, it's a nice bounce-back year for Jon Lester in Chicago. After an up and down first year he's now living up to the big money. Hopefully, David Price follows that model next year.

Which brings me to this. After starting out 11-1 in San Francisco, Johnny Cueto is outpitching Price by far for less than half the money after both were available last winter.

Dan Duquette is finally getting some retribution over being dumped by the Red Sox. Granted the Duke was exiled from baseball for 10 long years, but he won the AL East in Year 1 in Baltimore and has them in first again in Year 3 with a much skimpier payroll.

After all the hype I guess the Hall of Fame will have to wait at least one more year for Houston phenom shortstop Carlos Correa, who is hitting .265 with 13 homers and 47 RBI. Respectable for a young guy, but not the otherworldly numbers many predicted as yet. In being on his way to his third straight 200-plus-hit season Jose Altuve is still the Astros' best player.

Speaking of young shortstops. For those folks against moving Iggy for Jake Peavy during the pennant race in 2013 because "they'll never find as good a defensive shortstop as him," how does that look with Xander Bogaerts in that spot now?

Is it the giant contract that's weighing down the .228-hitting Giancarlo Stanton or it is the effects of getting hit in the face with that pitch last year?

Here's one of many reasons I don't like the All-Star game. That, I kid you not, 285,000 people voted for Blake Swihart to be the AL's starting catcher. The same Blake Swihart who was demoted to AAA to be made into a left fielder because he couldn't catch, call a game or throw any-

one out.

At .244 with 14 homers and 49 RBI it's a long way from his Cardinals days for Albert Pujols, who still has six years at \$30 million per left on his contract in L.A. of Anaheim and the world.

Who is Adam Duvall and where did he come from to lead the NL with 22 homers?

Baseball 101 Quiz Answer: Almost no one besides maybe me knew this before last week, but in his only All-Star appearance Cubs journeyman outfielder Jim Hickman sent Rose on his collision course with Fosse with a hit to right center in the 1970 All-Star game. He died at 79 last week in Tennessee.

I agree with Rose that Ichiro Suzuki's combined Japan and MLB hit total is not the equal of his 4,256 MLB hits. But given how he hit the ground running in Seattle I have no doubt he'd have passed Rose if he'd played his entire career in the majors. So Pete should give him his props.

When Joe Kelly returns from AAA he should go right to the bullpen to take advantage of his big fastball and minimize his sports version of ADD that leads to the lapse in concentration that kills him as he goes deeper into games once or twice every start.

Mid-year MVPs. In the AL, Manny Machado, who is not only hitting .330 with 18 homers, but in an era where players have to "know their roles" and have wimpy managers like Terry Francona that don't want guys playing other positions because they might hurt their confidence or get hurt, he's saved the O's by moving to shortstop when J.J. Hardy went down. In the NL, I'll go Jack Arrieta because with 12 wins he's a +10 in wins and that matters most. That's also answered my pre-season question of whether Arrieta will be a Steve Stone-like one-year wonder Cy Young winner.

Nope.

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State Am on docket

The Big Story: The State Amateur Golf Championship kicks on Monday, July 11, at Laconia Country Club. First up is two days of medal play to determine the match-play field of 64. The survivors will then play 18-hole matches in the morning and afternoon until eliminated, leading to Saturday's 36-hole final. Last year's champion, Windham's **Connor Greenleaf**, is back to defend the title he won 1 up last year over two-time champion (2012 and 2014) **Joe Leavitt** (Atkinson Golf Resort). They along with 2013 winner **Mike Martel** headline a very deep field.

Sports 101: With a triple double in Cleveland's closeout game of Golden State two weeks ago, **LeBron James** became only the third player to record a triple double in a Game 7 of an NBA final. Name the other two players.

Thumbs Up & RIP: To legendary Memorial football coach **Bob Chabot**, who died last week at 93. He played under the even more legendary **Earl "Red" Blaik** at West Point in the mid-'40s and in the same backfield with dual Heisman Trophy winners **Doc Blanchard** and **Glenn Davis** as they led the Black Knights to three straight undefeated seasons. After fighting in the Korean

War he returned to Manchester in 1960 and began coaching in 1962. Over the next 15 years his teams went 88-49-4 and won six state titles.

Honors: They went out last week to F-Cats reliever **Murphy Smith** (3-3, 1.03 ERA) and first baseman rowdy **Rowdy Tellez** (10 homers, 37 RBI) when they were invited to play in the Eastern League All-Star game on July 13 in Akron, Ohio.

Sports 101 Answer: The other two Game 7 triple double players were the L.A. Lakers' **Jerry West** in a losing cause to Boston in 1969 and **James Worthy** vs. Detroit in 1988.

On This Date – July 7: 1914 – Early baseball legend **Connie Mack** passes on Baltimore Orioles owner **Jack Dunn**'s offer to buy the minor-league contracts of **Babe Ruth** and others for the now paltry sum of \$10,000. **1964** – Phillies outfielder **Johnny Callison**'s 10th-inning walk-off three-run homer off **Dick Radatz** gives the NL a 7-4 win in the All-Star game at brand new Shea Stadium in New York. **1973, 1978, 1984 and 1985** – a tough date in history for **Chris Evert** when she lost in Wimbledon finals to **Billie Jean King** and three more times to **Martina Navratilova**. 🏆

The Numbers

2 – up was the winning margin for (two-time winner) James McGee (Windham CC) in taking the 2016 NHGA Junior Championship last week at Concord CC over Nashua's **Brandon Gillis** (Souhegan Woods).

6 – teams on **Kevin Durant**'s short list to meet with on his free agency tour

this week, which included the Boston Celtics.

7 & 8 – homers for **Dwight Smith Jr.** when he coincidentally hit bombs in the seventh and eighth innings of the F-Cats' 14-3 win vs. Hartford on Wednesday to snap a four-game losing streak.

9 – first-inning runs for Sweeney Post in a 16-2 American Legion rout of Plymouth benefiting hurl-

er **Jack Reilly**, who got the win after surrendering just five hits over six innings.

20 – foot putt made on 18 by Windham CC Assistant Pro **Rich Berberian**, giving him the PGA Club Pro Tournament title at Turning Stone Resort in Verona, New York, and qualifying him for this year's PGA Championship at famed Baltusrol Golf Club in New Jersey. 🏆

Sports Glossary

Jim Hickman: Original member of the moribund 40-120 New York Mets in their inaugural season of 1962. A .241 hitter in five seasons with New York and .163 in L.A. after being traded there for two-time batting champ **Tommy Davis**. But after a trade to the Cubs he somehow morphed into a .315 hitter with 32 homers and 115 RBI three years later at 33 years old, leading to the hit that sent Rose on the collision course with Ray Fosse in the 1970 All-Star game.

Five More Reasons to Hate the All-Star Game:

- (1) That people left off the team are said to be "snubbed," even if there are five at their position having a better year and there's only room for three on the team. "Snubbed" implies malice. Here it's just numbers.
- (2) Seeing the aforementioned "snubbed" guy left off only because doofus fans voted some guy hitting .230 to the team because he's popular.
- (3) The home run derby is more tired than the dunk contest. **Chris B.**, time to give it up.
- (4) With 40 guys on the roster they're scraping the bottom of the barrel of even semi-legit players in part because every team has to be represented even if the player stinks.
- (5) That the winning league in an *exhibition* game with rosters composed of picks

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As Hippo readers know, New Hampshire has plenty of places where you can get a delicious meal. But with so many different options, deciding where to go can be a challenge.

That's why each year in our readers poll, we ask people to weigh in on their favorite local restaurants and menu items. In March, we announced the winners of our Best of 2016 poll and listed the top vote-getters — the best of the best as well as the next highest vote-getters in the Concord, Manchester and Nashua areas. (You can find the Best Of 2016 issue at hippopress.com; scroll down to find "Special Issues" on the right side of the homepage.)

This year, we've decided to focus not just on your favorite restaurants but on a variety of places where

you can get readers' favorite meals at breakfast, lunch or dinner. We looked at the 14 restaurants readers picked as the best breakfast purveyors, some of the hot spots for a fresh and flavorful salad, seven sandwiches readers raved about and 20 of your favorite eateries overall. And, as a special treat after your meal, we're offering a peek at some of the favorite places for coffee and dessert, as listed in our magazine, 151 Cool Things About New Hampshire.

In each list, you're seeing the top vote-getters in categories that had oodles of entries, with the best of the best coming in at number one and, because many of these restaurants received praise in other categories, we've noted when restaurants received other "bests" as well.

A few notes about the restaurant information listed

here: It is based on the restaurants' websites and in some cases their Facebook pages. Hours and menu listings can change. Descriptions of each restaurant's cuisine are based on how they describe themselves. Sample dishes aren't necessarily an example of all dishes on the menu but are dishes we thought were worthy of note — likewise, drinks mentioned in "in your glass" don't represent the totality of the restaurant's offerings but a glimpse at one type of beverage that might be available. Got allergies, picky eaters or a hankering for something specific? Call ahead to make sure what you want is still on the menu and to confirm hours.

Let this list be your guide to finding the best breakfasts, lunches and dinners that New Hampshire has to offer.

Best breakfast

Whether you're looking for a weekend morning feast or a quick bite to get you into the work day, these area restaurants offer tasty meals of all sizes. Many of the places on this list make breakfast (and lunch) their focus.

1. Tucker's (1328 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 206-5757, tuckersnh.com. Hours: daily from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

When you're in the mood for: Organic, local and gluten-free options

On the menu: Small and simple breakfast items like parfaits, oatmeal and banana nut bread; classic French toast, waffles and pancakes; six kinds of eggs Benedict made with two poached farm-fresh eggs, grilled English muffin and house hollandaise sauce; omelets made with three farm-fresh eggs; skillet and scramblers made with three farm-fresh eggs; breakfast sandwiches; and specialties like Tucker's Rancheros.

Sample dish: Tuckito's Breakfast Queso (from the specialty selections), fresh eggs, cheddar and jack cheese, grilled flour tortilla, peppers, onions, black beans, and piquante peppers, served with house pico sauce.

In your glass: Try one of Tucker's all-natural fresh fruit smoothies like the Pineapple Paradise or the Carrot Orange Medley.

2016 "Best" titles: Best of the Best Breakfast, Best of Manchester Waiter/Waitress (Jessica Flynn), Best of the Best Restaurant for Kids

2. Purple Finch Cafe (Woodbury Court, 124 S. River Road, Bedford, 232-1953, purplefinchcafe.com. Hours: daily from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

When you're in the mood for: Local, all-natural and organic options

On the menu: A wide selection of omelets, eggs Benedict and egg sandwiches, including a create-your-own omelet option; a health-conscious menu with things like egg whites, oatmeal topped with fruit and a parfait with low-fat yogurt and organic granola; traditional and specialty French toast, pancakes and waffles.

Sample dish: Glazed and Confused, the cafe's signature glazed sweet potato donuts paired with two eggs any style and a choice of bacon, sausage or ham.

In your glass: Try one of their New England Coffees.

2016 "Best" title: Best of Manchester Breakfast

3. MaryAnn's Diner (29 E. Broadway, Derry, 434-5785, maryannsdiner.com. Hours: Monday through Saturday, from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sunday, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

When you're in the mood for: A rich,

hearty breakfast

On the menu: A wide selection of omelets, pancakes, French toast and waffles; all kinds of combo plates; and comfort food breakfasts like chicken fried steak topped with eggs and country gravy, or sausage and gravy on grilled biscuit topped with two eggs.

Sample dish: Black raspberry BBQ steak tips and eggs with home fries and toast.

In your glass: Try some strawberry or chocolate milk

4. Red Arrow Diner (61 Lowell St., Manchester, 626-1118, redarrowdiner.com. Hours: open 24/7)

When you're in the mood for: Breakfast any time, even after-hours

On the menu: Specialty omelets and all kinds of eggs Benedict; pancakes, waffles and French toast with six topping options; famous hash brown specials; Moe & Dinah's Selections; jumbo breakfast combos that take up two plates; and over 20 sides, from the standard bacon or toast to a slice of pork pie or corned beef hash.

Sample dish: Arrow's Breakfast Sandwich (from the Moe & Dinah's Selections), one egg, cheese, and choice of ham, bacon, sausage or hash on choice of an English muffin, bagel or croissant with choice of pan fries, hash browns, beans or grits.

In your glass: Mug O' Bacon, a coffee mug filled with 20 slices of the diner's crispy maple-cured bacon. You can even keep the mug.

2016 "Best" title: Best of the Best Diner

5. The Riverhouse Cafe (123 Union Square, Milford, 249-5556, theriverhousecafe.com. Hours: daily from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

When you're in the mood for: Comfort food

On the menu: Pancakes and French toast; eggs, egg sandwiches and build-your-own three-egg omelets; Riverhouse signature creations like the Fire Pit spicy hash browns and the Compost Heap veggie hash brown plate; mini plates for kids; and house favorites like the homemade corned beef hash and the Riverhouse eggs Benedict.

Sample dish: The Hangover Helper breakfast sandwich with pepper jack and cheddar cheese, crispy bacon, jalapenos and home fries, scrambled up with three eggs and piled on a grilled brioche bun.

In your glass: Choose from their wide selection of coffees.

2016 "Best" title: Best of Nashua Breakfast

6. Chez Vachon (136 Kelley St., Manchester, 625-9660, chezvachon.com. Hours: Monday through Saturday, from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sunday, from 7 a.m. to 16

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When you're in the mood for: French-Canadian eats

On the menu: Eggs, eggs Benedict and breakfast sandwiches; oven-baked omelets, including a create-your-own option; pancakes, French toast, waffles and combo plates; crepes with over 35 fillings to choose from, including various fruits, meats and cheeses; and specialties like pork pie and eggs, chicken and waffles and the breakfast burger.

Sample dish: Breakfast poutine (from the specialties selections), home fries topped with two eggs, Canadian curd cheese and poutine gravy.

In your glass: Never go thirsty with a bottomless lemonade.

7. Janie's Uncommon Cafe (123 Nashua Road, Londonderry, 432-3100, janiescafe.com. Hours: Monday through Saturday, from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sunday, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

When you're in the mood for: American cuisine in a warm, friendly setting

On the menu: Breakfast sandwiches and nine different kinds of breakfast wraps; "Lite" selections with smaller portion sizes; a wide variety of omelets and eggs Benedict; pancakes, waffles and French toast; and specialties like steak and eggs and eggs in a basket.

Sample dish: The Uncommon Ben-
nie (from the eggs Benedict selections), two poached eggs and cherry bacon on the cafe's signature Idaho potato hash (grilled with sauteed peppers and onions) topped with hollandaise sauce.

In your glass: Try the herbal tea.

8. Airport Diner (2280 Brown Ave., Manchester, 623-5040, thecman.com. Hours: daily, 5 a.m. to midnight. Breakfast all day.)

When you're in the mood for: Breakfast on the fly

On the menu: Omelets, griddle cakes and waffles and breakfast classics like country fried steak and eggs and biscuits and gravy.

Sample dish: Dinermite (from the breakfast classics selections), one egg over hard with choice of bacon, sausage or Canadian bacon with cheese on a toasted English muffin or bagel, served with choice of home fries or baked beans.

In your glass: Common Man Joe fair trade coffee.

2016 "Best" title: Best of Manchester Diner

9. City Room Cafe (105 W Pearl St., Nashua, 882-5016, find them on Facebook. Hours: Monday through Saturday, from 6:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and Sunday, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

When you're in the mood for: Classic



Purple Finch Cafe. Courtesy photo.

breakfast dishes with a twist

On the menu: Breakfast classics like pancakes, French toast, eggs; six varieties of sweet and savory crepes; a large selection of omelets, from the simple three-cheese omelet to more creative options like the sausage, apple and cheddar omelet.

Sample dish: The Florentine crepe made with spinach, mushrooms, tomato, olives and feta, served with home fries.

In your glass: Try one of their specialty coffees like a chai latte or a mocha.

10. Parker's Maple Barn (1316 Brookline Road, Mason, 878-2308, parkersmaplebar.com. Hours: Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

When you're in the mood for: Maple. Lots and lots of maple.

On the menu: Three-egg omelettes, 6-inch pancakes, sides like maple cream and maple baked beans; and famous favorites, including stuffed French toast and maple baby back ribs with eggs.

Sample dish: The Parker's Special (from the famous favorites selections) two eggs, two pancakes or one French toast, two bacon, two sausage and ham, or ham hash in place of all the meats, served with home fries or beans and toast. If that's too much food for you, the Mini Parker's Special is the same plate, but with half the portion size.

In your glass: Try the maple coffee or the maple frappe.

11. Belmont Hall Restaurant (718 Grove St., Manchester, 625-8540, belmont-restaurant.com. Hours: Sunday through Thursday, from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday and Saturday, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

When you're in the mood for: A simple but tasty breakfast

On the menu: Eggs and three-egg omelets; pancakes, French toast and crepes; specialties like the Belmont breakfast sandwich and the pork pie special; and customer favorites like the crab cake Bene-

dict and the cranberry walnut pancakes.

Sample dish: Belgian waffle (from the customer favorites selections) with choice of apple, strawberry, banana, blueberry or maple cream.

In your glass: The Belmont Bellini, made with Champagne, orange juice and peach schnapps.

12. The Schoolhouse Cafe (787 Route 103 E., Warner, 746-3850, find them on Facebook. Hours: Tuesday through Sunday, from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., takeout and oven-ready meals available from 2 to 6 p.m.)

When you're in the mood for: A home-style meal and atmosphere

On the menu: Eggs-to-order and omelets; French toast and pancakes, including blueberry, raspberry, apple, banana, chocolate chip and walnut

Sample dish: Deep-fried stuffed French toast, filled with sweet cream cheese filling and served with syrup or jam.

In your glass: Fresh brewed iced tea.

13. The Newell Post Restaurant (125 Fisherville Road, Concord, 228-0522, newellpostrestaurant.com. Hours: Monday through Saturday, from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sunday, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

When you're in the mood for: A classic breakfast and fresh baked pastries

On the menu: Pancakes, waffles and French toast; three-egg omelets and eggs Benedict; and breakfast classics like the meat-lover's scramble and hash and eggs. There's homemade white, wheat, sourdough, pumpernickel and cinnamon raisin breads prepared fresh daily in the restaurant's in-house bakery, as well as cinnamon rolls, danishes, coffee cakes, muffins and scones.

Sample dish: Veggie scramble (from the breakfast classics selections), scrambled eggs with tomatoes, onions, peppers and mushrooms, served with home fries and toast.

In your glass: Try their coffee.

14. CitySide Grille (25 Manchester St., Concord, 227-0884, citysidegrille.com. Hours: daily from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

When you're in the mood for: Traditional breakfast in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere

On the menu: Omelettes, pancakes, waffles and French toast; cinnamon rolls and homemade muffins; and breakfast plates like sausage gravy and biscuit and prime rib and eggs.

Sample dish: Eggs Benedict (from the breakfast plate selections), two English muffin halves topped with choice of Canadian bacon, spinach or broccoli, two poached eggs, smothered with homemade hollandaise sauce, served with home fries.

In your glass: Make it an iced coffee.



Best sandwich

If you're thinking about lunch, there's a good chance you'll have sandwiches on your mind. Every year, we ask readers not just which restaurants have the best sandwiches but to name one sandwich in particular that stands out. Here are the top seven sandwiches readers picked as their favorites. All but one can be enjoyed throughout the work week at lunchtime.

1. Steak tip and cheese sub, Bob Nadeau's Subs (776 Mast Road, Manchester, 623-9315, nadeaussubs.com. Hours: Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

The sandwich: The original steak tip and cheese sub is Nadeau's signature sub and is made with USDA choice sirloin and seasoned with a secret recipe.

Also on the menu: Various hot subs including Philly steak, barbecue beef and veal parmesan; and spicy Italian, chicken salad and lobster roll; fish and chicken tender meals and meal combos, wraps, hamburgers, salads and kids selections.

2016 "Best" titles: Best of the Best Sandwich (steak tip and cheese sub), Best of the Best Subs

2. Steak and cheese sub, Sub Station (1292 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 625-1800, substationhooksett.com. Hours: Monday through Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Thursday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.)

The sandwich: The Sub Station's steak and cheese sub is made with a custom blended shaved steak and a choice of melted American or provolone cheese, and an addition of teriyaki or barbecue sauce.

Also on the menu: Hot grilled subs like the Torpedo, BLT and pulled pork; cold subs including tuna, chicken caesar and Greek veggie; toasted subs like chicken parmesan or hot turkey club; salads and kids' meals.

2016 "Best" titles: Best of Manchester Sandwich (steak and cheese sub), Best of Manchester Subs

3. Roast beef, Beefside (106 Manchester St., Concord, 228-0208, beefsidenh.com. Hours: Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

The sandwich: Beefside's tender roast beef sandwich is served warm on a grilled roll. It comes in three sizes: junior, which is 3 ounces, regular, which is 4 ounces., and giant, which is 6 ounces. Make it a super and add lettuce, tomato, mayonnaise and cheese.

Also on the menu: Specialty sandwiches, smoked and barbecue sandwiches, burgers, soups and salads, seafood selections and entrees like the steak tip pasta and prime rib dinner.

2016 "Best" title: Best of Concord Sandwich (Famous roast beef sandwich)

4. "Duck, Duck, Duck, Duck," Cask and Vine (1½ E. Broadway, Derry, 965-3454, caskandvine.com. Hours: Tuesday through Thursday, from 4 to 10 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, from 1 p.m. to midnight.)

The sandwich: Cask and Vine's Duck, Duck, Duck, Duck sandwich is made with smoked duck, duck bacon, duck confit and Dowie Farm duck egg cooked over-easy with Jarlsberg cheese.

Also on the menu: Other sandwiches like smoked trout and pan-fried chickpea falafel; small plates including "Pigs in Blankets" and "Skip's Meatloaf Slider"; entrees like vegetarian risotto and maple-brined pork tenderloin; and soups and salads.

2016 "Best" titles: Best of Manchester Restaurant Wine List, Best of the Best Chef (George Craft)

5. "The Garden," The Nashua Garden (121 Main St., Nashua, 886-7363, facebook.com/thenashuagarden603. Hours: Monday through Saturday, from 11 a.m. to

p.m., and Sunday, from noon to 1 p.m.)
The sandwich: "The Garden" is a veggie sandwich with romaine lettuce, tomato, cucumber, onion, pickle, peppers, roasted red peppers, sprouts and olives.

Also on the menu: A variety of sandwiches, including other veggie sandwiches like "The Doc Ellis" (marinated portobello mushrooms, provolone cheese and all veggies), and sandwiches with barbecue chicken, roast beef, pastrami, turkey and more.

2016 "Best" title: Best of Nashua Sandwich ("The Garden")

6. Korean pork burrito, Wellington's Marketplace (124 N. Main St., Concord, 715-1191, wellingtonsmarketplace.com. Hours: Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

The sandwich: Wellington's Korean pork burrito has marinated pork tenderloin, savoy cabbage, lime, scallion, cilantro and Sriracha sauce served in a warm tortilla.

Also on the menu: Other sandwiches like the classic Italian, chicken salad and "Oooey gooey melty grilled cheese"; soups and salads; cheese plates, wine and craft beer.

7. Gyro, The Gyro Spot, (1073 Elm St., Manchester, 218-3869, thegyrospot.com. Hours: Monday through Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

The sandwich: The Gyro Spot has five kinds of gyros: beef/lamb, traditional pork, chicken, veggie and nutritious choice. All gyros have onions, tomatoes and parsley, and all but the chicken gyro have tzatziki sauce (the chicken has a secret sauce called G-sauce). Gyros are wrapped in a warm wheat or white flatbread.

Also on the menu: Soups, salads, specialty fries, spreads with pita bread, desserts and Greek favorites like spanakopita (spinach wrapped in warm phyllo dough) and dolmades (grape leaves stuffed with white rice and spices)



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Best salads

Maybe you *can* win friends with salad. These nine reader favorites go way beyond iceberg and a wedge of tomato to offer flavorful salad creations fit for a meal at lunch or any time.

1. Live Juice (5 S. Main St., Concord, 226-3024, livejuicenh.com. Hours: Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

The salads: Live Juice offers cobb, Caesar, Greek, steak, chicken-walnut and Asian salads, plus a build-your-own option.

Sample dish: Cobb salad has chicken, avocado, tomato, bacon, egg and blue cheese tossed with choice of blue cheese or honey Dijon dressing.

Try it with: A specialty juice or smoothie, such as the “Funky Monkey” (smoothie with kale, banana, organic unsweetened coconut) or the “Sweet Potato Pie” (juice with sweet potato, carrot, pear, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg and cloves).

2016 “Best” title: Best of the Best Salads

2. The Puritan Backroom (245 Hooksett Road, Manchester, 669-6890, puritanbackroom.com. Hours: Sunday through Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, from 11 a.m. to midnight. Takeout opens at 8 a.m.)

The salads: The Puritan Backroom offers tossed, Greek, julienne and Caesar salads. You can enhance your salad with extras like cottage cheese, coconut tenders and grilled swordfish.

Sample dish: The tossed salad includes iceberg lettuce, spring mix, baby spinach, cucumbers, grape tomatoes and sliced onions.

Try it with: A Chaz Special pizza, loaded with green pepper, onion, mushroom, hamburger and pepperoni.

2016 “Best” titles: Best of Manchester Salads, Best of the Best Cocktail (Mudslide), Best of the Best Menu Item (chicken tenders), Best of Manchester Ice Cream

3. Giovanni’s Manchester (379 S. Willow St., Manchester, 644-5757, giovannis.biz. Hours: Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.)

The salads: Giovanni’s Manchester has traditional salads including garden, Greek, tuna, turkey, seafood, chef, buffalo chicken and chicken salad, as well as kabob-style salads, which include steak, chicken, combo, Caesar, buffalo grilled chicken, grilled shrimp and combo Caesar.

Sample dish: The chicken salad salad, with provolone cheese, carrots, peppers, olives, red cabbage, cucumber, tomatoes,



Tucker’s. Photo by Sid Ceaser.

pita, lettuce, pepperoni, mortadella, salami, hot ham and ham and house dressing.

Try it with: A six-cheese-blend calzone with marinara, mozzarella, ricotta, feta, provolone, American and cheddar.

4. Bridge Street Cafe (1117 Elm St., Manchester, 647-9991, thebridgecafe.net. Hours: daily from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

The salads: The caprese, classic Caesar, mixed greens, the “Titanic,” “Strawberry Fields,” “Mandarin Miri,” traditional Greek and goat cheese salads.

Sample dish: The “Mandarin Miri” has grilled chicken, cucumbers, carrots, mandarin orange slices, red bell peppers, romaine lettuce, field greens, crunchy lo mein noodles and crushed peanuts with a homemade sesame ginger vinaigrette.

Try it with: A chipotle turkey panini with bacon, tomato, oven-roasted turkey, Monterey Jack cheese and chipotle mayonnaise on a choice of white, wheat, rye, pumpernickel, multi-grain, or rosemary focaccia.

5. Downtown Cheers Grille & Bar (17 Depot St., Concord, 228-0180, cheersnh.com. Hours: Open daily 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.)

The salads: Cheers has Caesar, garden, bistro, southern fried chicken, Thai chicken, Cheers favorite, Mediterranean and Cheers big salad. Salad extras include grilled shrimp, grilled salmon, steak tips, seared tuna, grilled chicken, Cajun chicken, chicken lips and hot lips. Choose from honey dill, blue cheese, creamy feta, sweet Vidalia onion, ranch, Italian, balsamic vinaigrette, honey mustard and lemon vinaigrette dressings. There’s also a soup and salad option, which is a choice of a garden salad or petite Caesar salad paired with Cheers’ homemade soup of the day.

Sample dish: The Cheers favorite salad, with roasted turkey, Gruyere cheese, artichoke hearts, bacon bits, sliced almonds and homemade croutons over mixed greens.

Try it with: Cheers famous wings, fried crispy with choice of buffalo or Cajun lem-

on pepper.

2016 “Best” titles: Best of Concord Salads, Best of Concord Bar with an Outdoor Deck

6. Giovanni’s Londonderry (207 Rockingham Road, Londonderry, 434-9021, giovannis.biz. Hours: Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.)

The salads: Giovanni’s Londonderry has traditional salads including garden, Greek, tuna, turkey, seafood, chef and buffalo chicken, as well as kabob-style salads, which include steak, chicken, combo and Caesar.

Sample dish: The combo kabob salad has steak, chicken, lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber, red cabbage, pita, olives, peppers and carrots with house dressing.

Try it with: The combo broccoli pasta, with steak, chicken and broccoli, served with a side of garlic bread.

7. 900 Degrees Pizzeria (50 Dow St., Manchester, 641-0900, 900degrees.com. Hours: Sunday through Thursday, from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.)

The salads: 900 Degrees’ gourmet salads include Caesar, chicken walnut cranberry, garden, caprese, 900 signature and toscana. Add marinated chicken breast or wood-roasted tiger shrimp.

Sample dish: Toscana salad, which has hearts of romaine with a light garlic and oregano vinaigrette and cucumbers, tomatoes, kalamata olives, feta cheese, bermuda onions and pepperoncini, served with freshly baked pita bread.

Try it with: The 900 Degrees house pizza, made with house tomato sauce, fresh garlic, oregano, grana padano, fresh mozzarella, sweet Italian fennel sausage, pepperoni and provolone.

2016 “Best” title: Best of the Best Dine-in Pizza

8. Tucker’s (1328 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 206-5757, tuckersnh.com. Hours: daily from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

The salads: Tucker’s salads are Sicilian steak, Tuckito’s southwest, Asian, toasted berry, Tuscan caesar, house and the “Greek Goddess.” All salads are served with fresh bread.

Sample dish: The toasted berry salad has baby spinach and mixed greens, topped with fresh blueberries, strawberries, and blackberries, toasted almonds, cucumbers, tomatoes, havarti dill cheese and house-made chicken salad, served with cranberry vinaigrette.

Try it with: The Asian chicken wrap, which includes teriyaki grilled chicken, sautéed peppers and onions, melted cheddar, chow mein noodles, mandarin oranges, sesame seeds, crisp romaine, honey ginger dressing on a choice of a white, whole wheat or sun-dried tomato wrap, served with choice of chips or an apple and a pickle.

2016 “Best” titles: Best of the Best Breakfast, Best of Manchester Waiter/Waitress (Jessica Flynn), Best of the Best Restaurant for Kids

9. Pressed Cafe (108 Spit Brook Road, Nashua, 718-1250, pressedcafe.com. Hours: Sunday through Wednesday, from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Thursday through Saturday, from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.)

The salads: Pressed Cafe salad selections are caprese, Mediterranean kale, Asian mandarin miri, “Strawberry Fields,” “Beet it,” goat cheese and fig, bistro greens, traditional Greek, cobb, classic caesar and chicken, spinach and goat cheese.

Sample dish: Mediterranean kale salad includes freshly chopped kale, roma tomato, crunchy cucumbers, hard boiled egg, tuna salad and spicy feta with a preserved lemon olive oil dressing.

Try it with: A fresh, house-made soup like the roasted red pepper tomato bisque or the roasted butternut squash, served with a fresh baguette.

2016 “Best” title: Best of Nashua Salads

Restaurant overall

When we ask voters for their favorite restaurant in the “Best Restaurant Overall” category, we get responses that include restaurants featuring cuisines from all over the world and ranging from high-end white tablecloth dining to satisfying comfort food. Here are the top 20 vote-getters, with all but one serving dinner and many offering a midday as well as evening meal. Where should you go to dinner tonight? Here are a bunch of ideas.

1. Republic (1069 Elm St., Manchester, 666-3723, republiccafe.com. Hours: The kitchen is open Sunday through Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Cocktails are available Sunday through Thursday from

a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.)

When you're in the mood for: Farm-to-table Mediterranean cuisine

On the menu: Mezze selections like red lentil cake and field mushroom Bolognese; cold antipasti such as salt wrinkled potatoes and North African spiced pickled vegetables; flatbreads including balsamic pear and Great Hill blue and garlic broccolini and herbed ricotta; salads like the roasted beet salad and the tartine; paninis such as grilled zucchini and banana and Nutella; and entree plates including Turkish chicken and Moroccan red lentil stew.

Sample dish: Chicken confit (from the entree plate selections) with Peter Allen Farm chicken leg and thigh, aromatic spices, haricot verts and herbed potatoes.

In your glass: Republic has a large wine list that includes two house wines on tap: the Ca'Momi Rosso di Napa Red Blend and the Stival Chardonnay (Veneto).

2016 "Best" titles: Best of the Best Restaurant Overall, Best of Manchester Cocktail (Moroccan old-fashioned), Best of Manchester French Fries, Best of Manchester Chef (Ed Aloise).

2. The Puritan Backroom (245 Hooksett Road, Manchester, 669-6890, puritanbackroom.com. Hours: Sunday through Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, from 11 a.m. to midnight. Takeout opens at 8 a.m.)

When you're in the mood for: Classic American dishes with Greek and Italian influences.

On the menu: Appetizers like scallops wrapped in bacon and broccoli and cheese puffs; entrees including the popular fried chicken tenders, charbroiled pork chops and Greek macaroni and cheese; seafood selections such as lobster pie and baked stuffed haddock; classic sandwiches, pizzas, salads and soups; desserts like grapefruit custard pudding and strawberry shortcake a la mode; a kids' menu and a take-out menu. The street-side take-out pick-up location also serves the Puritan's house-made ice cream, lowfat hard yogurt, pre-packed ice cream and ice cream sandwiches.

Sample dish: Guinness steak tips (from the beef entree selections), sirloin tips with a Guinness marinade, pan-seared with bell pepper and onion and served over brown rice.

In your glass: Original Backroom mudslide

2016 "Best" titles: Best of Manchester Salads, Best of the Best Cocktail (Mudslide), Best of the Best Menu Item (chicken tenders), Best of Manchester Ice Cream

3. The Tuckaway Tavern & Butchery (58 Route 27, Raymond, 244-2431, thetuckaway.com. Hours: Kitchen open Sunday through Thursday, from 11:30 a.m.

to 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Tavern open daily from 11:30 a.m. to midnight; Butchery open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

When you're in the mood for: Traditional American pub food with a modern twist

On the menu: Starters like poutine, brew-stewed mussels and "Nach-Yo Normal Nachos"; salads such as the cider spinach salad and the farmers' cobb; soups like the lobster chowder and steakhouse onion soup; burgers including the "Two Pigs & a Cow" (with pulled barbecue pork, bacon and cheddar) and the "Whole Tuckin' Farm" (Angus cow burger, fried chicken, smoky bacon, Tuck sauce and cheddar cheese); oven entrees such as chicken pot pie, macaroni and cheese (with choice of classic, lobster, steak bomb, barbecue pork, buffalo chicken or chili), and bruschetta portobello; grilled entrees like the pork and beans and house-marinated baby tenderloin; a variety of sandwiches and fried plates; and desserts like the s'more sundae and the "Bloo Balls" (fried blueberry cheesecake, Gifford's blueberry ice cream, blueberry jam sauce and whipped cream).

Sample dish: Signature Texas meatloaf (from the oven entree selections) includes meatloaf steak, Beasley's New Hampshire-made barbecue sauce, coleslaw, cheddar cheese and fried onion.

In your glass: Try something from their large selection of cellared beers.

2016 "Best" titles: Best of Manchester Steakhouse, Best of the Best Butcher Shop, Best of Manchester Burgers, Best of Manchester Mac and Cheese

4. Mint Bistro (1105 Elm St., Manchester, 625-6468, mintbistroh.com. Hours: Sunday through Thursday, from 4 to 10 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, from 4 to 11 p.m.)

When you're in the mood for: A contemporary fusion menu and sushi bar.

On the menu: Main menu dishes include maple-glazed sea scallops, coconut vegetable curry, herb-baked haddock filet and more; tapas like truffled Parmesan french fries, Maine lobster rangoons, sweet and spicy pork belly and chicken satay; salads such as herb-roasted salmon salad and roasted wild mushrooms salad; and an extensive sushi menu.

Sample dish: Asian short rib nachos (from the tapas selections), tender braised beef short ribs, smoked cheddar cheese, roasted corn, scallions, red onion, Thai bird chili, napa cabbage, sesame mushrooms, homemade crispy wontons, spicy sour cream and sweet soy. Vegetarian option with crispy tofu also available.

In your glass: Mint has a wide selection of wines, cocktails, sake and beer. Try

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5. Copper Door Restaurant (15 Leavy Drive, Bedford, 488-2677, copperdoorrestaurant.com. Hours: daily from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.)

When you're in the mood for: New American and upscale comfort food.

On the menu: Snacks like barbecue "porky" tots, chicken ragoon, calamari and crispy Tuscan meatballs; soups like five-onion gratinee and rustic tomato basil; salads such as bosc pear, sesame-ginger and citrus berry; seafood selections including wasabi crusted tuna, wood-roasted New England haddock and cedar-planked salmon; butcher cuts including rib-eye, New York strip, filet mignon and Korean-style steak; and Copper classics like lemon thyme brick chicken, shrimp scampi and short rib manicotti.

Sample dish: Duke bourbon bacon beef tips (from the Copper classics selections), grilled fingerling and sweet potato, broccolini and Duke bourbon BBQ.

In your glass: The Copper Door has 140 different wines plus a variety of beers including eight on tap, sipping bourbons and whiskeys, martinis and other cocktails.

6. The Barley House (132 N. Main St., Concord, 228-6363, thebarleyhouse.com. Hours: Monday through Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.)

When you're in the mood for: Upscale American pub cuisine and craft beer.

On the menu: Dinner menu includes small plates like blarney puffs (cheddar, scallion and potato fried dumplings with Guinness cheese sauce), fried Brussels sprouts, buffalo tenders and fried coconut shrimp; house soups and salads like the roasted squash salad and the apple, raisin and spiced walnuts salad; entree plates including Irish whiskey steak and crispy brick pressed maple chicken; favorites like Guinness beef stew and chicken pot pie; burgers including the vegetarian black bean burger, barbecue bison burger, the Korean barbecue burger and "the Hangover Burger" (peppercorn charred, potato cake, house bacon, cheddar, fried egg and buffalo sauce); sandwiches like the lobster BLT and the Cuban; and tavern pizzas such as roasted veggie and chorizo sausage.

Sample dish: Banh mi (from the sandwich selections), shaved beef brisket, garlic ginger soy sauce, julienne carrots, cucumber and peppers on French bread.

In your glass: The Barley House has a large selection of on-tap and bottled beer, wine and cocktails, as well as a number of select whiskey choices.

2016 "Best" titles: Best of Concord Restaurant Overall, Best of Concord Pub,



Hanover Street Chophouse. Photo by Sid Ceaser.

Best of Concord Beer Selection at a Bar or Restaurant, Best of the Best Burgers, Best of Concord French Fries, Best of Concord Bartender (Corey Garland), Best of Concord Pub Trivia Night

7. Hanover Street Chophouse (149 Hanover St., Manchester, 644-2467, hanoverstreetchophouse.com. Hours: Monday through Thursday from 5 to 9:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 5 to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m.; bar open Monday through Saturday from 4:30 p.m. to close, and Sunday from 4 p.m. to close.)

When you're in the mood for: A fine dining steakhouse with an urban and elegant atmosphere

On the menu: Starters like calamari and roasted asparagus; steaks and chops including dry-aged bone-in rib-eye, veal chop and rack of lamb; filet mignon and house specialties including cedar-planked salmon, seared sea scallops and chicken Parmesan. There's also a dessert menu with cherry almond cheesecake, vanilla bean creme brulee and more.

Sample dish: Togarashi crusted ahi tuna (from the house specialties selections), sesame

kale, spring slaw and citrus ponzu sauce.

In your glass: The Chophouse offers wines, whiskeys, martinis and cocktails. Try the Asian pear martini or Chambord bellini.

2016 "Best" titles: Best of the Best Fine Dining, Best of the Best Steakhouse

8. Cotton Restaurant (75 Arms St., Manchester, 622-5488, cottonfood.com. Hours: Open for lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; open for lighter fare Monday through Friday from 2:30 to 5 p.m.; open for dinner Monday through Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 5 to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 5 to 8 p.m.)

When you're in the mood for: Eclectic American comfort food in a casual yet upscale atmosphere

On the menu: Dinner menu includes starters like crab cakes, Asian potstickers, Rhode Island-style calamari and a variety of salads; entrees like almond-crusted turkey schnitzel, butternut squash ravioli and grilled lamb steak. Lunch menu also includes burgers and sandwiches.

Sample dish: Cotton's bistro steak, Brandt all-natural 10-ounce flat iron steak with choice of red wine demi-glace, bacon bleu cheese butter, port wine mushroom sauce, lemon herb butter or horseradish crême, served with mashed potatoes and chef's fresh seasonal vegetable.

In your glass: Cotton has over 40 wines available by the glass as well as an extensive menu of creative cocktails like the espresso martini and blueberry basil mojito.

9. Tucker's (1328 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 206-5757, tuckersnh.com. Hours: daily from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

When you're in the mood for: Organic, local and gluten-free options

On the menu: Lunch menu includes sandwiches like the Reuben, pastrami melt, Cajun chicken panini, chicken salad croissant and more; wraps such as the Asian chicken, grilled veggie and Tuscan caesar; grilled cheese, chili, daily soups and salads. See Tucker's in the Best Salads section for more information about their salads, and in the Best Breakfast section for more information on their breakfast menu.

Sample dish: Cape cranberry chicken sandwich, made with marinated chicken breast on grilled focaccia with hardwood-smoked bacon, green leaf lettuce, melted Vermont cheddar, tomatoes and cranberry aioli, served with choice of chips or an apple and a pickle.

In your glass: Try one of their specialty smoothies, juices, coffees or teas.

2016 "Best" titles: Best of the Best Breakfast, Best of Manchester Waiter/Waitress (Jessica Flynn), Best of the Best Restaurant for Kids

10. Surf Restaurant (207 Main St., Nashua, 595-9293, surfseafood.com. Hours: Open Tuesday through Thursday from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 4:30 to 10 p.m.)

When you're in the mood for: Fresh and creatively prepared seafood.

On the menu: Seafood soups and salads, small plates like Parmesan-fried calamari and fried Ipswich sweet clams; Surf style sandwiches and tacos; healthy lifestyle selections like bamboo steamed salmon and lemon haddock; a raw bar and Surf specialties like panko baked cod, Tuscan seafood spaghetti, shrimp vindaloo and Parmesan flounder. There is also a sushi menu and a dessert menu.

Sample dish: Portabella-stuffed flounder (from the Surf specialties selections), flounder stuffed with marinated, roasted mushrooms and cream cheese, served on artichoke risotto cakes with baby shrimp and tomatoes in a white wine pan sauce.

In your glass: Keep with the seafood theme and go with the shrimp cocktail.

2016 "Best" titles: Best of Nashua Restaurant Overall, Best of the Best Seafood Restaurant

11. New England's Tap House Grille (1292 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 782-5137, taphousenh.com. Hours: Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to midnight, Sunday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.)

When you're in the mood for: Classic American grill cuisine with local, fresh ingredients

On the menu: Appetizers like poutine and jalapeno poppers; soups and salads; flatbreads like barbecue pulled pork and chicken alfredo; entrees including seasonal vegetarian ravioli, pan-seared scallops, New York steak and shrimp scampi; burgers, wraps and classic sandwiches. There's also a kids menu and an extensive gluten-sensitive menu.

Sample dish: Tap House tater (from the entree selections), extra large baked russet potato loaded with a choice of chili, pulled pork, or grilled chicken and topped with queso cheese, bacon, green onions and sour cream.

In your glass: The Tap House has 48 unique beers on tap with new beers featured each week, plus four nitro-poured brews and in-house beer aging.

2016 "Best" title: Best of the Best Beer Selection at a Bar or Restaurant

12. Fratello's Italian Grille (155 Dow St., Manchester, 624-2022, fratellos.com. Hours: open for lunch daily from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; open for dinner daily starting at 4 p.m.)

When you're in the mood for: Italian-American favorites, pizza, steaks and seafood.

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2), including chardonnay, merlot, pinot noir, malbec/zinfandel, riesling and more.

2016 “Best” titles: Best of Concord Fine Dining, Best of Concord Steakhouse, Best of Concord Restaurant Wine List, Best of Concord Mac and Cheese

16. Buckley’s Great Steaks (438 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack, 424-0995, buckleysgreatsteaks.com. Hours: Tuesday through Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 5 to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 4 to 9 p.m.; Tavern opens at 4 p.m., daily)

When you’re in the mood for: Wood-grilled cuisine in a polished yet comfortable setting.

On the menu: Dinner menu includes appetizers like oven-baked oysters and orange sesame tenderloin tips; salads, classic steaks and house specialties such as lobster curry, tavern meatloaf and Buckley’s great burger.

Sample dish: Cowboy steak, a 26-ounce bone-in rib-eye steak marinated for 24 hours in signature house marinade and served with red wine demi-glace.

In your glass: Stop by Buckley’s tavern, called Riddle’s Tavern, for a microbrew or warm bourbon and lighter fare.

2016 “Best” titles: Best of Nashua Fine Dining, Best of Nashua Steakhouse

17. Hermanos Cocina Mexicana (11 Hills Ave., Concord, 224-5669, hermanosmexican.com. Hours: restaurant open Sunday through Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; lounge open Sunday through Thursday from 4 to 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 4 to 10 p.m.; open for takeout Sunday through Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 8 to 10 p.m.)

When you’re in the mood for: Authentic Mexican cuisine.

On the menu: Appetizers like taquitos, baby quesadillas and mini Mexican pizza; a variety of traditional and specialty nacho plates; soups and salads, burritos, chimichangas, enchiladas, quesadillas, pizzas, tacos, tostados, combo plates; and house specials like stuffed green chili with eggs and the veggie burger burrito.

Sample dish: Alex’s burrito (from the house specials selections), a spicy combination of black bean veggie burger, refried beans, tomatoes, scallions, green chilies and cheese rolled in a whole wheat tortilla and topped with red chile sauce and cilantro.

In your glass: Hermanos has a variety of margaritas, martinis and cocktails. Try the “Our Dirty Little Secret” martini, Bombay Sapphire gin with a jalapeno-stuffed olive and a splash of olive juice.

2016 “Best” titles: Best of Concord Mexican/Latin Restaurant, Best of Concord Cocktail (margarita), Best of Concord Bur-



True Brew Barista. Photo by Sid Ceaser.

ritos, Best of Concord Menu Item (chicken and garlic nachos), Best of Concord Waiter/Waitress (Jonna Gaskell)

18. Angelina’s Ristorante Italiano (11 Depot St., Concord, 228-3313, angelinas-restaurant.com. Hours: Open for lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., open for dinner Monday through Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 5 to 10 p.m.)

When you’re in the mood for: Classic Italian cuisine.

On the menu: Dinner menu features antipasti, salads, vegetarian selections, pasta specialties like linguine frutti di mare and chicken tetrazzini; chicken and veal dishes, grilled dishes and desserts.

Sample dish: Veal vercelli (from the veal selections), scallopine of veal sauteed with shrimp, scallops and lobster, topped with alfredo sauce.

In your glass: Angelina’s has an extensive wine list including special Italian reserve wines.

2016 “Best” titles: Best of the Best Italian Restaurant, Best of Concord Date Place

19. Restaurant Tek-Nique (170 Route 101, Bedford, 488-5629, restauranttek-nique.com. Hours: Tuesday through Friday from 4 p.m. to close; Sunday brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

When you’re in the mood for: Casual fine dining with contemporary American and French cuisine.

On the menu: Salads, appetizers, grilled pizzas, seafood entrees like free-form seafood lasagna; and meat entrees like herb-crusted lamb T-bone and house pulled pork sandwich. The dessert menu includes maple cheesecake and molten chocolate truffle cake.

Sample dish: Pecan-crusted boneless short ribs, made with whole-grain mustard, buttery mashers, roasted carrots and fried shallot.

In your glass: Tek-Nique’s wine list

offers an array of red and white wines served by the glass or bottle.

2016 “Best” title: Best of the Best Waiter/Waitress (Zach Sotiriou)

20. MT’s Local Kitchen & Wine Bar (212 Main St., Nashua, 595-9334, mtslocal.com. Hours: Sunday through Thursday from 4 to 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 4 to 10 p.m.; pizzas available for a half hour after close.)

When you’re in the mood for: Creative American fare in a casual dining environment

On the menu: Starters like white cheddar dusted french fries and warm spinach and artichoke dip; salads, wood-grilled pizzas, sandwiches and entrees such as caramelized sea scallops and vegetable stuffed zucchini. Dessert menu includes white chocolate creme brulee, wild blueberry crisp and more.

Sample dish: General Tso lobster, crispy fried lobster tossed in a stick tangy garlic chili hoisin sauce with broccoli and shiitake mushrooms over Chinese noodles.

In your glass: MT’s offers local, national and international wines, plus weekly wine flights.

2016 “Best” title: Best of Nashua Restaurant Wine List, Best of Nashua Chef (Michael Buckley)



Best cup of coffee

Whether it comes after a big dinner or at the start of your day, coffee is often the component that makes the meal complete. Here are the five top vote getters in the “Best Cup of Coffee” category. Find the top 15 spots to get a cup of joe in our annual magazine, 151 Cool Things About New Hampshire. The magazine is on stands now at Shaw’s, local restaurants and most places you can find the Hippo. (The listings here are excerpted from the magazine.)

1. True Brew Barista

Best of the Best

3 Bicentennial Square, Concord, 225-2776, truebrewbarista.com

The Robert James and the Dirty Irish Mexican are two drink favorites you’ll find on True Brew’s menu. The first is a white chocolate and butterscotch flavor combination perfect for a cup of coffee, latte or coffee smoothie, and the second is espresso, spiced chocolate and Irish cream. True Brew gets its coffee from A&E Coffee Roastery, switching out the small-batch direct-trade options regularly, though at any given time you’ll find four different espresso origins. Since opening in 2007, True Brew has added to its coffee concept with breakfast and lunch options and popular protein snack “barista balls.” At this originals-only venue, an all-ages open mike is held every Thursday with local bands playing Fridays and Saturdays. A second location, True Brew Cafe, is in Gibson’s Bookstore on Concord’s Main Street.

2. The Grind Rail Trail Cafe

Best of Manchester

5 W. Broadway, Derry, 247-4506, facebook.com/thegrindnh

Just steps away from the Derry Rail Trail, The Grind is a community-first cafe that gives locals a place to hang out and enjoy a cup of coffee. They use A&E coffee to create drink specialties like the sea turtle and beach day latte, a blended latte with coconut and a “Caribbean vibe” to it. The menu features bagels, pastries, soups and sandwiches with locally sourced ingredients like sausage and in-house smoked bacon from Tuckaway Tavern in Raymond, and milk and eggs from Contoocook Creamery. Adding a patio to the cafe this month, The Grind will serve cold treats like ice cream sandwiches, coffee floats and cold-brewed iced coffee from a keg. They’ll also open the walk-up window so trail goers can grab a bite without leaving the sunshine.

3. A&E Coffee Roastery & Tea

Best of Nashua

135 Route 101A, Amherst, 578-3338, aroastery.com

A&E Coffee Roastery gets its beans from all over the world. Owner and licensed Q grader Emeran Langmaid seeks out a variety of certified organic, shade-grown, fair-trade coffees to bring to the Granite State. A&E’s Amherst cafe regularly features coffee drink specials like Ginger Thyme Nitro Cooler, their own ginger-thyme syrup blended with lemon seltzer, single-origin cold brew and nitro cold brew, all on the menu in May. Customers are invited to join a cupping (a tasting to assess coffee), held every Monday at 11 a.m., or visit the pop-up pour-over bar in the Amherst cafe’s parking lot Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

4. Schoodac's Cafe
Best of Concord
1 E. Main St., Warner, 456-3400, facebook.com/schoodacs

Cozy interior seating, a spacious front porch and a sprawling front yard make Schoodac's an ideal spot for community events. An acoustic brunch with local musicians on Sundays, a pumpkin carving and lighting in the fall and featured local storytellers are a few examples. They work with Stockton Graham in Raleigh, North Carolina, for their coffee along with Woodshed Roasters in Laconia and Java Tree Roasters in Manchester. Maple is a popular drink flavor, whether it be a hot or cold latte or frappe, and croissants from Tarte Cafe & Bakery are crowd-pleasers as well. For tea drinkers, Schoodac's has 46 varieties to choose from.

5. Union Coffee Co.
42 South St., Milford, unioncoffee.co
Known for its salted maple latte made with maple syrup from Sammy's Sugar Shack in Milford, Union Coffee sources from Flight Coffee Co. in Bedford to serve a selection of coffee drinks along with tea, smoothies, baked goods, breakfast and lunch sandwiches, beer and wine. The coffee house hosts an open mike every Friday as well as other monthly events.

Best desserts
As an extra treat, why not dessert? Here are five of readers' favorite spots for getting something a little sweet. Find the top 15 favorites of dessert-loving readers in our magazine, 151 Cool Things About New Hampshire (from which the following is an excerpt). The magazine is on stands now at Shaw's, local restaurants and most places you can find the Hippo.

1. Finesse Pastries
Best of the Best
968 Elm St., Manchester, 232-6592, finessepastries.com

Enjoy a taste of Paris in downtown Manchester at this gourmet French patisserie serving made-from-scratch palmiers, eclairs, madeleines and an array of gateaux — French cakes — such as absolute, opera, success, and the popular coffee & cognac, made with mousseline, almond dacquoise and meringue sticks. Finesse offers baking and cooking classes so folks can learn the art of making French macarons, breads, puff pastry, croissants and brioche from classically French-trained pastry chef and owner Chelsey Erickson and her staff.

2. Bread & Chocolate
Best of Concord
29 S. Main St., Concord, 228-3330
A staple for many in downtown Con-

cord, Bread & Chocolate offers an array of croissants, eclairs, cream puffs, loaves of bread, brownies, bars and cakes such as carrot, vanilla lemon and chocolate raspberry. Sticky buns are one of the shop's most popular items, along with its classic fruit tart, made with custard, fresh fruit and glaze.

3. The Black Forest Cafe
Best of Nashua
212 Route 101, Amherst, 672-0500, theblackforestcafe.com

Whether you're in the mood for Dutch apple pie, old-fashioned coconut cake, shortbread cookies or coffee cakes, the Black Forest Cafe has something for every sweet tooth. Along with their cookies and sweet bites (find cookies, cupcakes, bars and whoopie pies) and cakes, tarts and pies (find fruit tarts, cheesecake, fruit and chocolate pies), they serve lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast and craft cocktails.

4. Frederick's Pastries
109 Route 101A, Amherst, 882-7725, pastry.net

Serving classic tortes, cheesecakes and plenty of pastry from three locations, Frederick's Pastries has earned a reputation as one of the region's premier cake specialty shops. The cake menu features a wide selection of flavors such as mocha Kahlua, Black Forest, chambord, strawberry mousse, M&M mania, vanilla coconut cream, German choc-

olate and its signature purple velvet. The purple velvet torte has three layers of purple pound cake, filled with cream cheese frosting, frosted with buttercream and topped with white chocolate curls.

5. Carina's Cakes
Best of Manchester
37 Crystal Ave., No. 8 (Plaza One),
Derry, 425-9620, facebook.com/CarinasCakes

Specialty cakes are the main focus for Carina's, with Oreo, peanut butter and chocolate chip cookie dough as the current popular flavors. You'll also find whoopies, pies and cupcakes made twice a week with flavors such as strawberry, toasted coconut, Rolo, and triple chocolate. 🍓



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Friday, July 8

Catch this year's **Hillsborough Balloon Festival and Fair** at Grimes Field (24 Preston St., Hillsborough), for a four-day extravaganza of carnival rides, fireworks, special kids' activities, an enormous variety of food, and the launching of hot air balloons. The balloons will launch at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 8, and at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday, July 9, and Sunday, July 10. A balloon glow will also be held on Friday night and the Hillsborough Hometown Parade will march at noon on Sunday. Admission is free, but there is a \$5 parking fee. For a complete schedule and more information, visit balloonfestival.org or call 464-5858.



Friday, July 8

Find out what your pets may be up to when you are not around, as the 3-D animated children's comedy film *The Secret Life of Pets* (rated PG) is released to theaters everywhere. The film stars Louis C.K., Eric Stonestreet and Kevin Hart, and is produced by the makers of the *Despicable Me* series, *Hop*, and *Dr. Seuss's The Lorax*.



Saturday, July 9

Boston-based blues guitarist **Jon Butcher** performs a show at Tupelo Music Hall (2 Young Road, Londonderry). Butcher fronts the Grammy-nominated Jon Butcher Axis, a band whose career has spanned nearly four decades and has produced 19 national and international releases. Butcher's playing style and stage persona have been compared to Jimi Hendrix's. Tickets are \$30. Call 437-5100 or visit tupelohalllondonderry.com for more information.



Sunday, July 10

The jazz quartet **Hungry Tree** will perform at the Riverwalk Cafe and Music Bar (35 Railroad Square, Nashua) at 7 p.m. as part of the venue's "Riverwalk Jazz Sundays" series. The band is comprised of longtime friends who pull their repertoire from all corners of the musical world. In a typical set, you'll hear original arrangements of everything from Nirvana and Destiny's Child to Miles Davis and Ornette Coleman. This show is free and open to the public. Call 578-0200 or visit riverwalknashua.com.



Wednesday, July 13

Author and journalist **Paul Hertneky** visits Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord) to present his new essay collection, *Rust Belt Boy: Stories of an American Childhood*. Hertneky has written stories, essays and scripts over a span of more than 25 years that have appeared in national publications and television programs, and has earned a Solas Award as well as two James Beard Award nominations. For more information on the event or on how to buy his new book, visit gibsonsbookstore.com or call 224-0562.

EAT: An after-hours picnic

Join the **Currier Museum of Art** (150 Ash St., Manchester) as it hosts an after-hours picnic Thursday, July 7, in the Winter Garden Cafe from 6 to 9 p.m. Enjoy pulled pork, potato salad, pie and more, while eating family style and listening to the Black Sheep Dixieland Trio. A cash bar and full menu are available. This event is free with museum general admission (\$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors over 65, \$9 for students, and \$5 for teens ages 13 to 17). Call 669-6144 or visit currier.org.

DRINK: brews from the coast

Dover-based 7th Settlement Brewery will host the **2016 Seacoast Microbrew Festival** Saturday, July 9, and Sunday, July 10, at Henry Law Park (Henry Law Ave., Dover). The second annual two-day festival features several local breweries, restaurants and live music acts from across the Seacoast. Tickets are \$35 general admission and \$50 for VIP admission. Visit seacoastbrewfest.com or call 373-1001 for more information.

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The **Cochecho Arts Festival** celebrates 30 years with a summer's worth of live music, entertainment and family events Friday, July 8, through Aug. 19. The Friday Night Headliner Concert series, held each Friday at Henry Law Park (Henry Law Ave., Dover), is hailed as the festival's signature series. The festival also features a Shakespeare mash-up production, an afternoon farmers market, a film series and more. Visit cochechoartsfestival.org or call 742-2218.

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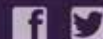
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History on repeat

theatre KAPOW explores parallel devastation in *Raining Aluminum*

By Kelly Sennott
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If you look back at stories from hundreds, even thousands of years ago, you'll find humans haven't changed all that much. This is the premise of theatre KAPOW's *Raining Aluminum*, which takes the Stockbridge Theatre stage this weekend.

The play weaves together two parallel storylines. One tackles the 1917 explosion in Halifax Harbor, Nova Scotia, and the corresponding American relief efforts. The other looks at Operation Yellow Ribbon, the Canadian response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.

Similarities

The Halifax Explosion was a maritime disaster in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in December 1917, in which a French cargo ship laden with high explosives collided with a Norwegian vessel in the Narrows, a strait connecting the upper Halifax Harbour to Bedford Basin. About 2,000 were killed in the blast.

Raining Aluminum has been about 21 months in the making, and much of the structure was inspired by *Curse of the Narrows: The Halifax Disaster of 1917* by Laura MacDonald, who thought there were a lot of parallels between the recovery efforts after both Sept. 11 and the 1917 Halifax Explosion.

"For us with theatre KAPOW, we're always looking to tell timeless stories that are really about exploring the human experience. And I think with this piece, we're looking at these snapshots of recent and distant history, and finding those places where people are having the same thoughts, feelings, emotions," said theatre KAPOW cofounder and director Matt Cahoon.

Theatre KAPOW members wrote the piece during a residency at Charlestown Working Theatre in May and drew feedback from an audience at the end of the week. At the time of their interviews, it was structured so the piece would start and end in 2001, with the middle occurring in 1917.

The concept

Matt Cahoon, musician Nat Ward and the actors — Carey Cahoon, Candace Gatzoulis, Peter Josephson and Rachael Chapin Longo — met for an interview at Pinkerton Academy's Shepard Auditorium two and a half weeks before showtime to talk about the piece, but they still had a lot of rehearsals, rewriting and rearranging to do.

Carey Cahoon was practicing with their



Peter Josephson and Carey Cahoon in theatre KAPOW's original *Raining Aluminum*. Photo by Matthew Lomanno.

newest marionette, named Marcus, while the other puppet, Karkulka ("Little Red Riding Hood"), sat close by. They were created by a puppet carver in Prague and will play the children in the story.

"In a certain respect, [the puppets] cool down what is happening on stage. And so when a child dies and it's a puppet, the audience can watch it, and it's OK. But in other respects, they really heat up what's happening onstage. I think that's because it's a little bit like watching a black and white movie. You've got to bring the color to it. And when there's a puppet onstage, it makes a demand on the audience and a demand on the imagination," Josephson said.

Vit Hořejš and Bonnie Stein of the Czechoslovak-American Marionette Theatre have been helping the company use the puppets and design the sets to allow better object manipulation. Time is another important aspect; props will hang from Bungee cords and string to look as if someone pressed pause mid-explosion.

"One of the things we play with is, what time did the 1917 explosion occur? Because nobody actually knows precisely. It was about 9:04. So I was really interested in ... a minute before and a minute after. And there's this idea of surprise," Josephson said. "We live for a little while and we say, 'Well I'm not going to be surprised by that again,' and then we're surprised by the next one."

All the actors are playing real people from history, and the company will go back to 9:04 multiple times, showing, for example, what the explosion looked like to a

couple out at sea, or what it looked like for a firefighter.

Human spirit

Longo was in New York during the Sept. 11 attacks.

"I don't think I'll ever better understand it. It's more about accepting it. I think it is just building strength ... in the way of processing events in life and being able to use creativity to share those events with people," Longo said. "And to not forget. Because we just keep forgetting what we do wrong. And then we do them again and again."

Matt Cahoon said the idea is to continue to draw parallels from past events and today.

"Talking about Halifax in 1917 is two times removed because it's not here and it's not now. But talking about 9/11 was very hard here. And so we've been pretty delicate and have had a lot of conversations," he said. "I think at times in the piece, period is less important — it's about that kind of human willpower, getting through stuff, and in those instances, it's less important whether it's 1917 or 2001 because they're all trying to do the same thing, which is pull themselves up by the bootstraps and move on."

See *Raining Aluminum*

Where: Stockbridge Theatre, 5 Pinkerton St., Derry

When: Friday, July 8, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, July 9, at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, July 10, at 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$20

Contact: tkapow.com

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Notes from the theater scene

• **Teacher dilemma:** This July, the Peterborough Players Second Company presents a musical adaptation of the children's book by Harry Allard and James Marshall, *Miss Nelson is Missing!*, with book, music and lyrics by Joan Cushing. The play follows Room 207 and their sweet, caring teacher Miss Nelson, who cannot control her crazy classroom. The kids only want to be left to their own devices, driving Miss Nelson away, but when they meet her replacement teacher — a detention-loving, recess-canceling, homework-overloading sub, they want to go back to the way things were before. The show hits the Peterborough Players theater stage, 55 Hadley Road, Peterborough, Friday, July 8, at 10:30 a.m.; Saturday, July 9, at 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, July 13, at 10:30 a.m.; Friday, July 15, at 10:30 a.m.; Saturday, July 16, at 10:30 a.m.; Friday, July 22, at 10:30 a.m.; and Saturday, July 23, at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults. Call 924-7585. Visit peterboroughplayers.org.

• **One acts:** The Little Church Theater (Route 113, Holderness, 968-2250, littlechurchtheater.com) hosts a Playwrights Festival this weekend, on Friday, July 8, at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, July 9, at 7:30 p.m., organized by Fran Page, adjunct professor at Plymouth State University. The evening of one-acts is being directed by Kyle Wolcott, a musical theater student at PSU, and



The cast of *Miss Nelson is Missing!* Photo by Deb Porter-Hayes.

the featured plays include *Nobody's Home* by Kayla Fernekees and *Poetry Night* by Rachel Pantazis. Both playwrights are recent Plymouth State University graduates. The third play is a reading of a new comedy by an anonymous playwright from Holderness, according to the website. Tickets are \$25.

• **Poppin':** The Lowell Philharmonic hosts its annual Summer Pops concert on Sunday, July 10, at 2 p.m., at the Shedd Park Pavilion, 433 Rogers St., Lowell, Mass. The show will feature special guests including the Sarab-Mirage Dance Company, The New England Brethren of Pirates and Dane Jacobson, according to the website. There will be free admission, with a suggested donation of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and students with an ID. Guests are encouraged to pack a picnic lunch and lawn chair. The program includes "Jupiter, the Bringer of Jollity," the medley from *Fiddler on the Roof*, "America the Beautiful," music from *Pirates of the Caribbean* and "Allegro vivacissimo" from Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto in D Major, among other pieces. — Kelly Sennott

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Auditions/open calls

• **AUDITIONS: BEAUTY AND THE BEAST** Manchester Community Theatre Players auditions. Sun., July 17, 1-4 p.m.; Mon., July 18, 6-8 p.m. North End Montessori, Manchester. Call 361-2679.

Productions

• **ANNAPURNA** The Peterborough Players, 55 Hadley Road, Peterborough, 924-7585, peterboroughplayers.org, July 6 through July 17. Tickets are \$39.

• **RAINING ALUMINUM** theatre KAPOW production. Stockbridge Theatre, 5 Pinkerton St., Derry, on Fri., July 8, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., July 9, at 7:30 p.m., and Sun., July 10, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Visit tkapow.com.

• **I'LL BE BACK BEFORE MIDNIGHT** Hatbox Theatre production. June 24-July 10. Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. Sundays at 2 p.m. Steeplegate Mall, 270 Loudon Road, Concord. \$16.50. Visit hatboxnh.com. Call 715-2315.

• **REEFER MADNESS: THE MUSICAL** June 24-July 24, tickets starting at \$19, at Seacoast Repertory Theatre, 125 Bow St., Portsmouth, seacoastrep.org.

• **THE LITTLE MERMAID** Prescott Park Arts Festival production. 105 Marcy St., Portsmouth. June 24 through Aug. 21. Visit prescottpark.org. There's a suggested donation at the gate.

• **MISS NELSON IS MISSING!** Peterborough Players Second Company. July 1-July 23. Peterborough Players Theatre, 55 Hadley Road, Peterborough. \$10. Call 924-7585. Visit peterboroughplayers.org.

• **MEMENTO MAURY** Outcast Productions show. July 1-July 10. 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 9 p.m. Sundays, except July 3, which is at 10 p.m. Players' Ring, 105 Marcy St., Portsmouth. \$12. Visit playersring.org. Call 436-8123.

• **PLAYWRIGHTS FESTIVAL: EVENING OF ONE-ACTS** Original plays by up-and-coming playwrights. Fri.,

July 8, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., July 9, at 7:30 p.m. Little Church Theater, 40 NH-113, Holderness. \$30. Call 968-2250.

• **SYLVIA** Barnstormers Theatre production. July 7-July 16. Tuesday-Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday at 8 p.m., Saturday matinee at 2 p.m., Sunday matinee at 5 p.m. The Barnstormers Theatre, 104 Main St., Tamworth. \$11.50-\$33.50. Visit barnstormerstheatre.org.

• **OLIVER!** Leddy Center production. July 8 through July 24. Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Sundays and Wednesdays at 2 p.m. Tickets \$20. Leddy Center for the Performing Arts, 38C Ladd's Lane, Epping. \$20. Call 679-2781. Visit leddycenter.org.

• **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST** Part of 2016 Children's Summer Series. Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org, Tues., July 12, at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wed., July 13, at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thur., July 14, at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$9.

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Through the kids' eyes

Gallery features artwork, photos of new Americans

By Kelly Sennott
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Eighteen portraits of Manchester's newest Americans line the Currier's community gallery, showcasing kids standing proudly on their front porches or in their favorite playgrounds. Some are clad in their Sunday best, while others are playing basketball or soccer. All look happy, content, even optimistic.

Currier Art Center Director Bruce McColl said during an interview at the gallery that the concept for the show, "Our City — Manchester Through Children's Eyes," came about after curators put together the museum's most recent exhibition, "Urban Landscapes: Manchester and the Modern American City," which contains a large section focused on the immigrant population that's always been characteristic of the Queen City.

"We thought ... let's cast a positive light on these children and their experiences as new Americans in Manchester, given our larger discourse about immigration in the United States. We wanted to show that these kids and their families have a positive role to play here," McColl said.

For several years now, the museum has been partnering with the Inti Academy, which started in 2009 and offers free soccer programs for underprivileged Manchester youth, many of whom are refugees, immigrants, first- or second-generation Americans. Every quarter, Currier staff hold art lessons at the Saint Anne's Center, where Inti kids meet each week.

"It's a benefit for the children, even if they're not the most talented artists. It's a way for them to express themselves," said Inti Academy Cofounder Max J. Latona.

Alongside the photos, the 18 students, ages 8 to 15, created projects during four-week art sessions focused on their identity and perception of Manchester. Their clay buildings of the city sit in a glass case, and their Romare Bearden-inspired collages of downtown Manchester hang along the walls; to them, the city is a place with cars, dog walkers, American flags and a skyline with buildings like Market Basket, Wal-Mart, the Victory Garage and "The Cool Hotel." Beside the photos are essays the kids wrote about their backgrounds and favorite things about Manchester — like Sky Zone, soccer and pizza.

The photographer was Becky Field, who's spent the past four years photographing new Americans and recently published a book, *Different Roots, Common Dreams: New Hampshire's Cultural Diversity*. She met with these kids throughout spring and photographed them in places they felt most at home in the city.



Jonathan Cruz. Becky Field photo.

"That's one of the reasons they felt comfortable. I wanted them to show me their world so I could photograph them in it," Field said via phone.

For some of the kids, it took a while; one boy was uncertain about being photographed but came around when he'd seen the others' portraits. Another she photographed while he played soccer.

"Part of the effect of a camera ... [is that] it has the tendency to make people feel special. And I definitely got that with these young people," Field said.

Many of the kids were attending art camp while the show was being installed, and Corie Lyford, art educator and outreach coordinator with the museum, said their faces lit up when they saw their pieces.

"The children as a whole are very optimistic about life in America," Latona said. "We see them as underserved in many ways, not having all the advantages American-born children have, and they don't see that. They're very grateful for everything they have."

Field felt those vibes while she was photographing the children.

"These kids have the same dreams as every kid has at that age," Field said. "Even though someone might have a different color skin or clothing, or whatever, we really are all pretty much the same."

"Our City — Manchester Through Children's Eyes"

Where: Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester

When: June 22 through Aug. 25

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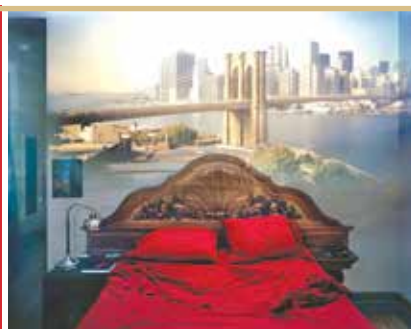


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LOCAL — COLOR — NH art world news

• **Andres Art Center opening:** The Andres Institute of Art, known for its 140-acre park with more than 80 sculptures created during its annual International Sculpture Symposium, will be celebrating the recent acquisition of the Big Bear Lodge at 106 Route 13, Brookline, the new home of the Andres Art Center. There's a grand opening event Saturday, July 9, from noon to 10 p.m., where there will be guided sculpture park tours, strolling musicians, local dancers, live art-making, karate demonstrations, face-painting and jewelry-making. At 6 p.m., local bands Fatha Groove and The Slakas, with support from Boardz House Productions, will each perform for two hours.

"For the first time we can now schedule classes, meetings, art shows, and public events 12 months of the year! This will be a real game-changer for AIA as well as our local community," AIA Board President Robin Clark said in a press release. Visit andresinstitute.org.

• **Loony lovebirds:** Seacoast Area Artists Association member Kevin Talbot's loon photos are on display at the New Hampshire Audubon's McLane Center in July and August. Talbot's been a nature photographer for 25 years, capturing ponds, woods, mountains and native New England via camera.

From early July to mid-October last year, he made weekly and sometimes multiple daily trips to check on two pairs of loons who bred and raised chicks to maturity over the summer and fall. There's a reception on Thursday, July 14, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the McLane Center, 84 Silk Farm Road, Concord, during which Talbot will give a short presentation in Pecha-Kucha style, showing



The Andres Institute of Art. Courtesy photo.

20 slides and talking for 20 seconds for each. Visit ghostflowers.com to see the photography. Visit nhaudubon.org or call the McLane Center at 224-9909.

• **Looking for muralists:** The Manchester Makerspace — a member-maintained and -operated nonprofit shared workspace at 36 Old Granite St., Manchester — is hosting a mural design contest for makers and artists between July 1 and July 31, for the garage door facing Old Granite Street. Members invite prospective artists to come visit during open houses Monday nights from 6 to 8 p.m.; they're looking for a design that showcases the transition of Manchester's millyard to the tech and entertainment hub it's become today. Entries should be non-political, non-religious and non-offensive. Designs will be judged by Vivian Beer, Manchester furniture artist and winner of *Ellen's Design Challenge*. The makerspace will cover the cost of materials, paint and other consumables used to create the mural. Send your name, email address, phone number, sketches, mock-ups and descriptive documentation to board@manchestermakerspace.org with the subject "Mural Design Contest Submission." Visit manchestermakerspace.org.

— Kelly Sennott

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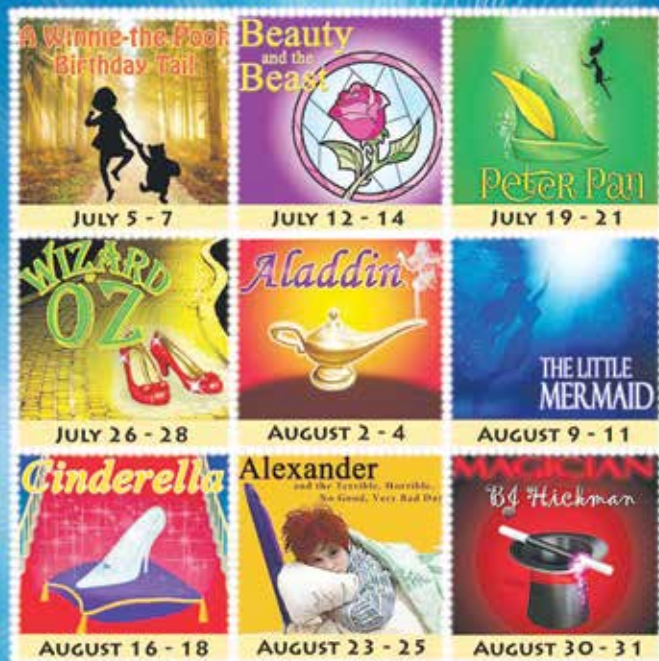
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Fair games

New events and attractions at 41st annual Raymond Town Fair

By Matt Ingersoll
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Don't miss a whole weekend of family fun, food, live music, carnival rides and several special events at the 41st annual Raymond Town Fair, kicking off on Thursday, July 7, with the Miss Raymond Pageant.

The festivities will pick up again on the Raymond Town Common at 5 p.m. on Friday, July 8, and continue from dawn until dusk on Saturday, July 9, and from dawn through 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 10.

The free fair draws crowds from several towns around Raymond, according to Judy Maynard, co-chair of the Raymond Town Fair Committee.

"We're always looking for something new to get the community involved, and to get more people involved," Maynard said. "We have our first meeting in January, when we sit down and try to come up with some ideas to get more people to come out."

On Friday, for example, the fair will

offer helicopter rides for the first time across different areas of the town.

Several fundraisers and charity auctions are also going to take place during the weekend, including a silent auction by Boy Scout Troop 3 on Saturday from noon to 8 p.m., a town-wide yard sale on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and a pancake breakfast by Cub Scout Pack 100 on Sunday from 8 to 11 a.m.

"There will also be a couple of new kids' events," Maynard said. "One of them is the Children's Traveling Tales series, where kids will get a little tour around different areas of the town and learn some aspects of the town."

The Children's Parade of Wheels will be held on Saturday morning, in which kids bring their own decorated wheeled vehicles. This year, the parade will be led by Ronald McDonald.

Those who have visited the fair in past years will remember several familiar events, such as the outhouse races on Saturday afternoon, followed by a huge fireworks celebration on the Raymond Town Common on Saturday night and the annual Hugh Holt Memorial Road Race on Sunday morning. Maynard said those will be featured at this year's fair as well, but with a myriad of new added events to go with them.

Most of the new events will be featured on Sunday, Maynard said, and include hot air balloon rides, children's sack racing, a dog parade and agility exhibition, a wife-carrying race, and much more.

Those events will be followed by a children's whip cream pie eating contest, a motorcycle awards show, a home-baked dessert cook-off, and a tug-of-war competition.

"We try to bring all kinds of different things that will appeal to all different



A whipped cream pie eating contest will be among the several children's events offered at the Raymond Town Fair on Sunday, July 10. Courtesy photo.

kinds of people," she said.

Maynard said that anyone interested in signing up to participate in these events can access the sign-up sheets for them on facebook.com/raymondtownfair or on facebook.com/townofraymondnh.

She added that both pages will be updated frequently with new sign-up information in the days leading up to the fair.

The dog parade is being sponsored by Paw Tuckaway Pet in Raymond.

Participants should meet at Iber Holmes Gove Middle School (1 Stephen K. Batchelder Parkway) at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday.

Dog owners are required to bring leashes and costumes and to clean up after their own dogs, as well as bring

water for them.

The short form that can be found via the fair's Facebook page must be filled out and mailed or emailed to Susan Cygan, the shop's owner.

Maynard said fake justices of the peace will be on hand at the wife-carrying contest in case anyone decides to "get married" or "get divorced."

"We've been having a lot of fun with it at the planning committee," she laughed. "You don't have to actually be married to participate in the race. It's [open] to all family members."

Clean Up Day will follow, at 9 a.m. on Monday, July 11. Call the Town of Raymond at 895-4735 to volunteer in the cleanup, which is estimated to take about three hours. 🍌

Raymond Town Fair

Where: Raymond Town Common
When: Pageant Thursday, July 7, at 7 p.m. The fair officially opens Friday, July 8, at 5 p.m., with activities until dusk, and continues Saturday, July 9, dawn to dusk, and Sunday, July 10, dawn to 4 p.m.
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The 2016 SummerFun Fishing Derby will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 9, at the Horse Pond Fish & Game Club (13 Horsepond Ave., Nashua). The event is part of the Nashua Parks & Recreation Department's SummerFun Program. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and lines will be in the water at 9 a.m. A barbecue sponsored by the Horse Pond Fish & Game Club will follow at 11:30 a.m. This is a free event and is geared for kids ages 5 to 12. The first 75 kids who register will receive a free T-shirt. Raffle prizes will also be given away, and awards will be given for the top fisherman. Call 589-3364 or visit nashua-nh.gov to register.

Granite State history

Catch a guided tour of the New Hampshire Historical Society's historic gallery (30 Park St., Concord) on Saturday, July 9, featuring stories told and exhibitions led by members of the society's volunteer staff. Hear stories about New Hampshire's "Temple of History" that you never thought you knew, from a 500-year-old dugout canoe to a 1972 Ski-doo. Two 45-minute tours will be held at 2 and 3 p.m. and are included in the price of admission to the museum that day. Call 856-0604 or visit nhhistory.org for more information.

Write on

Get your creative juices flowing or just have a good time trading ideas at the Goffstown Public Library's Creative Writing Club for teens. Teens entering grades 8 through 12 will come to the second floor of the library (2 High St.) on Friday, July 8, at 3 p.m. to learn about creative writing while playing fun games. Bring a note-



book and pen or pencil and feel free to bring and share your own work with others. Admission is free but pre-registration is appreciated. Call 497-2102 or visit goffstownlibrary.com to register.

Born to perform

Andy's Summer Playhouse (582 Isaac Frye Highway, Wilton) presents the opening night of its first ever Andy's Academy production on Friday, July 8, at 7:30 p.m. The program introduces participants between the ages of 8 and 18 to all aspects of performance with an emphasis on building technique. Friday's performance is a culmination of a two-week-long session that focuses on vocal training, movement and collaboration, all emphasizing the summer's theme of identity. Tickets are \$14. Call 654-2613 or visit andyssummerplayhouse.org.

Be there or be square

Sponge Bob Square Pants will join Cowabunga's Indoor Inflatable Playground in Hooksett (1328 Hooksett Road) on Friday, July 8, from 5 to 8 p.m. All three gyms at the venue will be open. Admission is \$10 for kids but adults and babies get in free. Call 625-8008 or visit mycowabungas.com for more information.

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Herbalicious

There's still time to start an herb garden

By Henry Homeyer
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Garden centers are mostly sold out of flowers and vegetables by now, but there seem to be plenty of herbs still for sale. Now that you have (hopefully) gotten your veggies and annual flowers planted, this is a good time to plant some herbs.

My vegetable garden, where I have always grown herbs, is somewhat remote from my house and down a set of stone steps. But this summer I have an herb garden just 10 steps or so from the house.

So how do I grow parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme (and others not included in Simon and Garfunkel's song) in a spot that sounds so inhospitable? I am growing them in a wooden container called a VegTrug that I got from Gardener's Supply (gardeners.com). It's big and deep: six feet long, two feet wide and up to 18 inches deep in the middle of the V-shaped container. It is on legs and stands 30 inches high. Very nice — no bending over.

Filling up the VegTrug with appropriate planting mix is important: you can't just dig garden dirt and shovel it in. The soil would compact and the plants wouldn't thrive. But it takes over 400 quarts of soil mix to fill this behemoth. To buy that much potting mix would be pricey.

Getting the mix right is important: you want your mix to stay fluffy, hold water and offer nutrients. But if you just used a standard commercial potting mix, your growing medium would need weekly infusions of liquid chemical fertilizer. Adding compost introduces organic matter and beneficial microorganisms that work with the roots of your plants to share nutrients from the compost and organic potting soil.

I buy good quality compost each year that a local contractor makes from cow barn scrapings that he turns and aerates and makes into lovely lightweight compost that is relatively weed-free. I mixed that compost with peat moss, "Moo-Grow" (an organic potting soil), organic fertilizer, limestone, perlite and vermiculite.

Vermiculite is a fluffy material made from heat-expanded mica that holds water. It is used in most potting mixes, though you might not notice it. I also added perlite, another heat-expanded mineral. It looks like Styrofoam, but is great for containers: It has a neutral pH, holds water and air, does not deteriorate or compress. I used a total of 6 quarts of each in my VegTrug. Perlite and vermiculite go a long way.

To make my soil mix I used a 5-gallon pail to measure, adding roughly two parts of compost and two parts of Moo-Gro pot-



Herb garden. Henry Homeyer photo.

ting mix to one part of peat moss. I stirred up that mix in a huge garden cart. I added half a cup of limestone per bucket of peat moss to counteract the acidity.

Once the ingredients were mixed, I add Pro-Gro, an organic bagged fertilizer. I used a total of 2 quart containers of Pro-Gro in the 100-plus gallons of soil mix I made. I added one quart of Azomite, a source of diverse mineral micro-nutrients, in the total mix. Azomite is optional. You could add rock dust instead, if you can get some very fine rock powder from a tombstone maker or a rock quarry. Or you can leave it out.

It is important to get the ingredients well moistened before adding them to the Veg-Trug. I did this by adding water from my hose to the mix, and stirring with a shovel. Dry peat moss can be very hard to moisten; I wet it, stirred it, let it sit, and repeated until it seemed evenly moist.

So what am I growing? In the middle, where the soil is deepest, I have a tomato plant, one I started from seed called Summer Sunrise. The seeds came from the Hudson Valley Seed Library (seedlibrary.org) and were suited for container growing.

What else? I have about a dozen lettuce plants, three flat-leafed parsley plants, two kinds of sage, a rosemary and a thyme plant. I dug up a chunk of chives from my garden, cut it back and planted it in the VegTrug. Marjoram and a nasturtium are doing well; the latter has edible flowers and will flow out and over from the VegTrug.

I planted dill and arugula by seed — both are up and doing fine, though I also bought a small pot of dill at my local Food Coop — another good source for pots of herbs. Lastly I planted a four-pack of small basil plants. Everything is thriving!

Watering is important for containers. This VegTrug has shallow soil near the edges, deeper soil toward the middle, so the edges dry out quicker. I find I need to give it 4 to 6 gallons in hot, sunny weather.

I am so delighted with my herb garden I know I will plant it again every year. And the herbs in this nice cedar container is pleasing to the eye as well as the taste buds!

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Dear Donna,
I remember a long time ago you answered someone's question about a wooden doll. At the time I couldn't find mine but said if I ever did I would ask you as well to help determine a value. Well, here it is. I am not sure where it came from but my family has had it since I was a child and I am 72 years young. She, I assume, is all wood except the arms and has had no feet since I can remember. She is 9 inches tall.



detailing and condition, and whether the maker is known.
Your doll is definitely one of a kind, most likely made for a child to play with. Age is tough as I said, but judging by the clothes I would think early 1900s. It may be considered crude, but it has a certain charm, and that's what I will base my appraisal on. I would say it is worth in the \$100 range to a collector.

Donna Welch has

spent more than 20 years in the antiques and collectibles field and owns From Out Of The Woods Antique Center in Goffstown (fromoutofthewoodsantiques.com). She is an antiques appraiser and instructor. To find out about your antique or collectible, send a clear photo of the object and information about it to Donna Welch, From Out Of The Woods Antique Center, 465 Mast Road, Goffstown, N.H., 03045. Or email her at footwdw@aol.com. Or drop by the shop (call first, 624-8668).

Dear Sharron,
Your wooden doll is so sweet. I wish you knew more, because I am sure this was hand carved and has a great story behind it.

The age of hand-carved wooden dolls is tough to determine. Even though wooden dolls go back to the 1700s and 1800s, only the ones by specific makers have trackable values. Your doll would be considered more like folk art (not mass produced), so determining the value would be in the age, carving,

Sharron from Salem

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Sad to say, superhighways are pretty much free-for-alls



By Ray Magliozzi

Dear Car Talk:

I recently took a cross-country trip, and drove on many different types of roads, from switchbacks in national parks to five- and six-lane highways. Those multi-lane highways were the

scariest. Are there any guidelines out there for how to drive safely on these monsters? Is the topic covered in the newer drivers' manuals, or is it just the free-for-all it appears to be? — Virginia

It's pretty much a free-for-all, Virginia. There are rules, but not everyone pays attention to them. You've got weavers, and pass-on-the-righters, and "Oh, #8@, that's my exit" — ers.

What makes these roads most difficult is when you drive in areas of dense population, where there are multilane feeders coming onto the highways, and multilane exits leaving the highway on all sides. You can be in one of the right lanes, minding your own business, and suddenly you're in an exit-only lane heading east to Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

So our best advice is to pick one of the lanes in the middle, move along with the speed of traffic, and try to anticipate your exit

early enough to get over to the right safely.

Using Google Maps or a built-in GPS can help you anticipate merges and exits. Or it can direct you to non-freeway routes if you're really uncomfortable on them and don't feel safe. But there's nothing we can do to stop people from sliding in and out of your lane on a highway as they look to get home 0.4 minutes earlier.

Looking to the future — and even the present — self-driving technologies probably are the ultimate answer. Even now, you can get things like adaptive cruise control, which will speed up and slow down your car to maintain a set distance from the car in front of you.

You also can get lane-departure warning, to let you know when you're drifting out of your lane, and blind-spot monitoring, to help you change lanes more safely. And that trend will continue, until you'll be able to get on the highway, set the car on "drive me," and watch "The Fast and the Furious 8" on the screen that drops down from your visor.

Until then, find a spot in a middle lane, move at the speed of traffic and breathe.

Dear Car Talk:

The alternator died on our 2002 Honda Odyssey a few days before a planned

vacation. Our regular Honda service department had no appointments, so we took it to a mechanic recommended by a friend. With the alternator replaced, we set out on our trip ... only to have the car die completely 90 miles from home. While the dashboard instruments were failing and the car lost power, I was on the phone with the mechanic, who told me the alternator he installed must have been faulty, and that he would issue me a credit. Once towed home, we had our regular Honda service team replace the replacement alternator. Now the original mechanic is telling me he needs his defective part back (so HE can get a refund) in order to issue me my refund. Is this commonplace? Seems to me the mechanic should issue a full refund for the part and work done poorly. What do you advise? — Ellen

Well, if I were advising mechanic No. 1, I'd tell him to give you all of your money back and reimburse you for the tow. It might not have been his fault that the part failed, but it severely inconvenienced you. And ethically, he's responsible. So I would say regardless of whether you can return the old part at this point, he owes you your money back.

But to answer your question, returning used parts is common. If we buy a part and it fails, the company we bought it from usually

wants proof that it failed; they want to know we're not just trying to scam them out of an extra alternator.

Plus, alternators, even failed alternators, are worth something. Many of the old alternator's parts can be reused, so the promised return of the old, failed alternator often is factored into the purchase price of the new one.

It sounds like there was a lack of communication between you and mechanic No. 1. He failed to tell you in advance that he needed the old part back, and you probably didn't tell him that you were going to a different shop to have the repair redone. But given that you were 90 miles from home when the alternator died, you would have been perfectly justified in having it done then and there by whatever shop was open.

So, given the inconvenience to you and the lack of clear communication from him, mechanic No. 1 should just suck it up and give you a refund and consider it a cost of doing business.

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Bear with me

Celebrate National Teddy Bear Picnic Day



By Matt Ingersoll
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National Teddy Bear Picnic Day is real, and Charmingfare Farm takes it just as seriously as the kids, hosting its own Teddy Bear Picnic on Saturday, July 9, where kids can bring their bears to the farm for storytelling, a bear “checkup,” a parade, hide-and-seek and other beary fun games.

The event will be held in observation of the “holiday,” which officially takes place the next day.

“We’ve been holding the picnic for at least five or six years now consistently,” said Linda Ellis of Charmingfare

Farm, a picnic organizer. “It’s definitely one of the farm’s more popular events. Kids usually like to bring their little teddy bears all dressed up and set up their picnic blankets on the lawn. It’s even cute for the parents, because there are so many kids with teddy bears and they take it so seriously.”

The farm’s black bear keepers will be available from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to talk about tending to their own bears, Baxter and Cindy Lou.

Dr. Byron, the Bygundo Bear Catcher, will perform a dramatic reading of “Going on a Bear Hunt” at 12:30 p.m. and will answer any questions kids have about bear facts, bear catching and life as a naturalist.

The teddy bear “doctor” will begin checkups from 1 to 1:30 p.m., performing a health assessment that will include checking the bear’s heartbeat and other vital signs. The checkups will be followed by the marching of the Teddy Bear Parade at 1:30 p.m.

Ellis said there will also be opportunities throughout the day for non-teddy bear related activities, such as pony rides from 11 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., as well as tractor-train rides and horse-drawn trolley rides that depart continuously from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

“We encourage people to bring their own picnic lunch, but we will be selling hot dogs and

burgers that will be served off the charcoal grill at the farm,” she said.

Tickets to the picnic are \$19, with additional cost for any food items, but children under 23 months will receive free admission. The rain date will be Sunday, July 10. Call the farm at 483-5623 or go to visitthefarm.com to buy tickets.

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Q: *Explain what your job is.*
It's always been simply that I build custom guitars and basses, but this year, I just started working with someone else who has his own separate business building only travel instruments. ... I work out of a lower-level walkout basement in my home that is my workshop.

How long have you been in your career?

I've had the business ... for about 22 years.

How did you get interested in this field?

There was no real game plan...it kind of just started from when I would build things as a hobby when I was a kid, and I'm a bass player myself as well.

What kind of education or training did you need for this job?

I actually studied industrial design at the Wentworth Institute of Technology, and they knew what I was doing when I started going there and gave me access to the building workshops. ...

I was lucky in that I had gotten in there under a scholarship, and it was a new hands-on program which they were trying to get students enrolled in. ... They actually allowed me to basically intern for myself, and as far as I know, that was the first time they had let that happen, but that certainly schooled me to be a bit more mature in my work.



Chris Stambaugh. Courtesy photo.

What do you wish you'd known at the beginning of your career?

I wish I had understood at the time what a difficult industry this is ... and just how rare the concept of even turning a guitar store to profit is ... but at the time, I wasn't doing it to try to make a lot of money, I was just doing it.

What is your typical at-work uniform?

Just jeans and a T-shirt, whatever you don't want to have to worry about getting dirty, and of course all the safety equipment that comes with it, like the glasses and the gloves.

What was the first job you ever had?

I grew up working on a farm, from about the age of 11, so if anything, just working that young helped me learn that working hard was the normal thing to do.

— Matt Ingersoll 🍌

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News from the local food scene

By Angie Sykeny
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• **Brew film & tasting:** The Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce will present a screening of *Brew Hampshire* at the Derry Opera House (29 W. Broadway, Derry) on Thursday, July 14, at 5:30 p.m. The recently released documentary is about the rise of the craft beer industry and culture in New Hampshire and features 13 breweries, including a close look at the development of Able Ebenezer Brewing Co. over one year's time. There will be a beer tasting with local breweries prior to the screening and a panel discussion with the filmmakers afterward. Tickets cost \$10 for this 21+ event and can be purchased at gdchamber.org.

• **Manchester closing:** UnWine'd Key West Cafe & Grille, at 865 Second St. in Manchester, has closed its doors permanently. A handwritten sign on the storefront reads, "Thank you for 15 wonderful years! We are finished." UnWine'd was a wine-focused restaurant with globally inspired cuisine and celebrated its 15th anniversary on June 1, according to its Facebook page.

• **New cakes in town:** Lakes Region Cupcakes (285 Main St., Tilton, 286-7776, lakesregioncupcakes.com) has been re-opened under new ownership according to a June 28 press release. The owner is Melody Hanks of Mel's Creative Cakes (393-5884, facebook.com/melscreativecakesllc), a self-taught cake artist who specializes in designing, baking and decorating specialty and custom cakes. Hanks will feature her own cakes, cupcakes and desserts at the shop, which were previously only available through special order. Lakes Region Cupcakes' new hours are Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cupcake flavors change daily and are listed on the website.

• **Coffee party:** A&E Coffee & Tea's Manchester location (1000 Elm St., 578-3338, aeroastery.com) is celebrating its two-year anniversary with a four-day celebration from Thursday, July 14, through Sunday, July 17. Festivities will include a latte art competition, a coffee documentary screening, live music



FOOD

The perfect pick

Where to go for July berries and how to pick like a pro

By Angie Sykeny
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As many farms bring their strawberry picking to a close this week, others are getting started with blueberries and raspberries. While you could purchase a pint of berries at the farm stand, picking your own provides an entirely different way to experience the fruits.

"The experience is not just about picking berries," said Peter Russell, owner of Russell's Organic Blueberries farm in Contoocook. "The experience is to be at the farm with the peace and quiet and positive energy. In my case, the blueberries are just a byproduct of that positive experience."

Russell said that this year, his blueberries are ready for picking starting the first week of July and are expected to stick around for a minimum of six weeks. He also grows raspberries, which will follow a bit later in the month and usually have a shorter season of about three weeks.

"People just die for raspberries," he said. "There aren't many of us certified organic farms that sell blueberries and raspberries in particular, so we have people who come up from Boston, from Vermont, all over."

If there are first-time pickers at his farm, Russell accompanies them to the fields to show them what to look for and how to find the best berries, as well as techniques for quick and easy picking. The best way to do it, he said, is to lightly pinch the fruit and roll it off the stem with your thumb. Once you've mastered that, you can try picking with both hands for maximum efficiency. It usually takes the average picker about 20 minutes to pick a couple of pints, he said.

The fruit at certified organic farms such as Russell's isn't exposed to pesticides or herbicides, so there's no harm in eating some straight from the bush.

Blueberry or raspberry pie

Courtesy of Peter Russell of Russell's Organic Blueberries

Pillsbury pie crust or something comparable
4 cups freshly picked blueberries or raspberries
½ cup sugar
¼ cup flour
A pinch of salt
A pinch of nutmeg
Two eggs

Follow the baking instructions listed on the pie crust box.

"I think that's important when you're looking for a place to pick your own," Russell said. "You want to go somewhere you can feel comfortable taking your children, where [the farm] doesn't spray with things that could make you sick."

Berries will stay fresh in the refrigerator for up to 10 days. Alternatively, you can preserve your berries to enjoy at a later date by freezing them. Simply place them on a cookie sheet, stick them in the freezer until they're hard, then transport them to a bag and keep them frozen.

"So when it's wintertime you can just take them out and they're like a marble," Russell said. "There are some people who come and pick 300 pints so they can freeze them and have blueberries every day all year."

Picking your own berries can be a great summertime activity for kids and families and an opportunity for people of all ages to reconnect with nature and become more aware of where their food comes from.

"Children in today's environment don't get to experience the outdoors as much,"



Russell's Organic Blueberries in Contoocook. Courtesy photo.

Russell said. "There's even adults who come here and say, 'Wow, I didn't know these [berries] grew on bushes,' so I think for people to get more of that outdoor experience and learn how things grow is really important."

Where to pick your own berries

Information is subject to change as the crops are dependent on the weather. Always confirm availability by calling the farm or checking the farm's website.

- **Russell's Certified Organic** (289 Maple St., Contoocook, 344-6913, russellcertified-organic.com or find them on Facebook) PYO blueberries are \$4 per pint, and raspberries are \$7 per pint. Picking hours are generally 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., but check their Facebook page for updates.
- **Brookdale Farm** (41 Broad St., Hollis, 465-2240, brookdalefruitfarm.com or find them on Facebook) PYO blueberries are \$3 per pound and raspberries are \$5 per pint. Picking hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Dimond Hill Farm** (314 Hopkinton Road, Concord, 496-8218, dimondhillfarm.com or facebook.com/dimondhillfarm) PYO blueberries are expected to open toward the end of July. Picking hours will be daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Durocher Farm** (157 Charles Bancroft Hwy., Litchfield, 493-4804, pickyourownberries.com or facebook.com/pickyourownberries) PYO blueberries are expected to open this week. Picking hours will be daily from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call or check Facebook page for updated information.
- **Lull Farm** (65 Broad St., Hollis, 465-7079, livefreeandfarm.com or facebook.com/LullFarmLLC) PYO blueberries expected to open in mid to late July. Picking hours will be

daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call or check Facebook page for updated information.

• **Sunnycrest Farm** (59 High Range Road, Londonderry, 432-7753, sunnycrestfarmnh.com or find them on Facebook) This is the last weekend for PYO strawberries, which are \$2.89 per pound and available daily from 7 a.m. to noon. PYO blueberries and raspberries (prices TBD) and cherries, which are \$4.50 per pound, are available Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, from 7 a.m. to noon.

• **Rossvie Farm** (85 District 5 Road, Concord, 228-4872, rossviewfarm.com or find them on Facebook) PYO strawberries may still be available and are \$2.65 per pound. Check their Facebook page or call to hear a recording of the week's picking hours.

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• **Hackleboro Orchards** (61 Orchard Road, Canterbury, 783-4248, facebook.com/hackleboro.orchards) PYO strawberries may still be available and are \$3.20 per pound. Picking hours are daily from dawn to dusk.

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Lots of latkes

Jewish Food Festival features authentic cuisine

By Angie Sykeny
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On Sunday, July 10, hundreds of people will make their way to Temple B'nai Israel in Laconia for blintzes, knishes, stuffed cabbage and other traditional Jewish cuisine at the 19th annual Jewish Food Festival.

The festival began as a low-key yard sale fundraiser with some food for sale on the side. After a few years, the food became the main event and was attracting more people.

"It just started evolving, and today it's gotten so big. It's a major undertaking," Stu Needleman, committee chair, said. "We're a small temple with about 70 families, so to make hundreds of pounds of food like this as a small group is monumental."

Needleman estimates that for the most popular items, they've produced about 350 stuffed cabbages, 400 latkes, 750 blintzes and 800 knishes. Other specialties will include homemade brisket sandwiches, chopped herring, chopped chicken liver, matzo ball soup and noodle kugel. There will also be dozens of varieties of cakes, cookies and other desserts, such as strudel and rugelach cookies.

This year the festival is sourcing from a new deli meat supplier, Evan's New York Style Deli of Marblehead, Mass., for the nearly 200 pounds of pastrami, corned beef and tongue needed for its famous sandwiches.

Also new this year is the sandwich bread, which will be flown in from Zingerman's Bakery of Ann Arbor, Michigan, just for the festival.

"We searched the entire country looking for the ideal rye bread, and we believe this is the best, so that's an improvement," Needleman said. "We're constantly looking for ways to improve what we do and the quality of the food."

Most of the food is based on temple members' family recipes that go back generations. For example, the latke (a potato pancake) featured at the festival includes carrots, a recipe variation that Needleman said originated from how his wife's grandfather used to make them.

"There's dozens of ways to make them, so we've experimented with different recipes, and this one has won by far for what works and tastes the best," said Karen Lukeman, volunteer marketing coordinator and cook.

One of the most beloved Jewish specialties at the festival is the blintzes, a fried, buttery crepe filled with cheese.



Stuffed cabbages at the Jewish Food Festival. Courtesy photo.

"The blintzes are usually everyone's favorite," Lukeman said. "It's almost like a cheesecake with that delicious melted flavor. It's a little piece of heaven."

There will be an area with large tables and chairs for people to enjoy their food at the festival, or they can get their food wrapped up for take-out to enjoy elsewhere.

This year, there will also be a limited number of frozen meals with heating instructions for people to prepare at home. Needleman and Lukeman said they expect these to sell out very quickly, so anyone who wants them should arrive toward the beginning of the festival.

Needleman said the majority of people who attend the festival for the first time are not Jewish and are unfamiliar with Jewish cuisine, but once they try the food, they almost always return the following year.

For others, Lukeman said, it's a way to connect with their heritage.

"For people whose families came from Poland or Lithuania and Eastern Europe, it's considered the ultimate comfort food because it's what their parents and grandparents and great-grandparents used to make," she said. "It's a special type of food. It's not something you can get at any restaurant."

19th annual Jewish Food Festival

Where: Temple B'nai Israel, 210 Court St., Laconia

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Beer and good cheer

Anheuser-Busch adds new Biergarten social space

By Angie Sykeny
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The Biergarten, a twist on the popular German-style beer gardens, celebrated its grand opening at the Anheuser-Busch Merrimack Brewery and Tour Center last week.

Merrimack is the third Anheuser-Busch Brewery location to open a Biergarten.

"Based on the beer culture in New Hampshire and our presence in the state — we get around 100,000 visitors annually — it seemed like a great way to add an experience for our customers and show them all the passion and craftsmanship that goes into the beers we brew every day," General Manager Tom Jok-erst said.

The indoor and outdoor space has 3,500 square feet and accommodates about 175 visitors. The outdoor area has picnic tables and umbrellas, fire pits and overhead lighting. Inside, there's a seated, crescent-shaped bar as well as high-top and regular tables throughout the room.

The decor celebrates Anheuser-Busch's history and includes the Budweiser creed in copper behind the bar, a large "Cheers" mural and a timeline showcasing the brewery's milestones, from the introduction of Budweiser in 1876 to the Merrimack Brewery groundbreaking in 1968 and more.

The indoor space will remain open all year long, and the outdoor space will be open as weather permits, including mild winter days when visitors can warm up by the fire pit.

The Biergarten has 14 beers on draft, representing a wide range of Anheuser-Busch beers

The Biergarten

Where: Anheuser-Busch Merrimack Brewery, 221 Daniel Webster Hwy.

Hours: Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Visit: budweisertours.com



The indoor area of the new Biergarten features a sleek, seated bar that wraps around the room. Courtesy photo.

and including rotating seasonal selections and Budweiser in the Budweiser Signature draft tower. Every day at 3 p.m., guests are invited to participate in a free beer tasting and learn about how the brewmasters taste beer for quality and consistency.

There's also a food menu with light snacks such as pretzels with Budweiser-infused mustard and sausage and cheese boards. A fuller menu with burgers, bratwurst and other pub favorites will be added in the future.

The Biergarten hosts a weekly event series called Bud Light Thursdays featuring live performances by local musicians, and will host other fun events to be announced.

Visitors can enjoy the Biergarten anytime as a standalone experience, or they can incorporate it into a brewery tour. Admission is free and open to families and people of all ages.

"It's an inviting and relaxing place to come in, grab some light lunch and a beer and enjoy yourself with friends and family," Jokerst said. 🍷

Weekly Dish

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and a coffee roasting demonstration. "We love being in Manchester," A&E owner Emeran Langmaid said in a press release "It is a great city with so much to offer. We bring the best the specialty coffee world has to offer right in the heart of downtown on Elm Street. As a certified organic coffee roaster, we also bring a local, sustainable, and community-centered focus." For more information about the celebration, send an email to adrian@aeroastery.com.

• **Run for beer:** Registration is now

open for the New England Craft Beer Relay, a 5K-like four-person relay in which participants will navigate a race course of games and challenges while sampling 12 local craft beers at beer stations along the way. It takes place on Saturday, July 23, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Gunstock Mountain Resort (719 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford). There will be a festival with beer, food trucks and live music going on before and after the relay. Tickets cost \$305.89 per team. Visit craftbeerrelay.com. 🍷

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IN THE KITCHEN

WITH **GUY TINO**



Before Guy Tino opened Northeast Cafe (8 Mill St., New Boston, 487-3930, northeastcafe.com) with his wife in 2009, he knew he wanted to own a small town restaurant around where he grew up in Amherst. He discovered his love for the restaurant business while studying biochemistry at college in North Carolina, where he got a job as a dishwasher at a nearby bar. There, he eventually learned how to cook and worked his way up to a position as kitchen manager.

After college, Tino went on to cook at establishments all over the East Coast, from Florida up to Boston, but he never felt quite at home. That's when he decided to open Northeast Cafe in an old building located on the banks of the Piscataquog River. The cafe offers dine-in breakfast and lunch, plus a weekly meal



What is your must-have kitchen item?

A braising pan is crucial for slow-cooking.

What would you choose for your last meal?

I would just eat a peach. That's it. Peaches are delicious.

What is your favorite local restaurant besides your own?

It's a tie between Tek-nique in Bedford and the Pearl in Peterborough. Those two restaurants have incredible chefs. Those guys are legit.

What celebrity would you like to see eating at your restaurant?

Catherine Zeta-Jones. I cooked for her once at a restaurant in Boston, and I wished that I could bring it out to her, but we weren't allowed to even look into the dining room.

What is the biggest food trend in New Hampshire right now?

I'm kind of out of touch with what's

current, being out here in New Boston, but I think one could be just getting simpler with things. People are moving backwards, not with quality or technique, but with presentation.

What is your favorite meal to cook at home?

Some sort of fish dish. My wife cooks a lot and will usually make a casserole or something, and I love eating that, but when I'm cooking for her and the kids aren't around, fish is my favorite. Something with a skin that you can crisp up and take your time cooking, and put that with some sweet potatoes. Local sweet potatoes are so good.

What is your favorite dish on your restaurant's menu?

Definitely the brisket sandwich. It's the brisket that we braise, on homemade bread with the barbecue sauce we make, a side of coleslaw and steak fries with seasoning. It's just a good lunch, and I think we do the brisket really well.

— Angie Sykeny

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This bread can be made into loaves, rolls or pizza.

7 pounds flour
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Mix sugar, yeast and oil with 100-degree water. Give yeast 5 minutes to bloom.

Mix flour and salt. Add to water mixture. Mix with wooden spoon until the dough comes together enough to turn onto a floured table top.

Use "push, pull, turn" kneading method until dough does not break when pulled apart.

Allow dough to double in size covered with a towel.

Cut into desired size and allow to rest for 10 minutes.

Shape and bake at 350 degrees until golden brown.

Chili-rubbed pork chops

One of my favorite proteins to cook in the summer is pork. It's quick and simple and soaks up the flavors of just about anything you season or cook it with. Pork can take on sweet qualities from things like pineapple or apple, or savory qualities from dry rubs and barbecue sauces.

Despite the hot and humid weather in my part of the world these days, I'm loving a bit of heat in my meals.

My tolerance for spice has increased over the past few years, and I'm slowly experimenting with adding hotter spices and rubs during the cooking process instead of letting my husband flavor it on his own, after I make off with my mildly flavored portion.

This recipe for chili-rubbed pork chops was a new one, and I made a few alterations, mainly just to taste. I also decided to bake the pork instead of grill it.

I find pork to be one of the most pantry-friendly proteins in that almost anything you have in your pantry will work well with the meat.

In this case, chili powder, celery seeds,



oregano, paprika and thyme all made an appearance from the depths of my pantry.

The chili powder and paprika ratcheted up the spice level, while the oregano and thyme added deeper, savory qualities. While grilling the pork would have enhanced the flavors, adding some of the smoke and char to the meat, baking it sealed in a lot of the flavors.

While the recipe called for the pork chops to marinate for 8 to 12 hours, I didn't plan that far ahead and only set the pork aside in the olive oil and spices for about 45 minutes. The finished product still packed a lot of flavor and was perfect served with a milder side like fresh green beans.

Overall, this recipe was a snap to put together. You could easily make it a day ahead of time and really let the flavors soak into the pork. Or, if you're a dinner procrastinator like me, this recipe still works well in short time and with minimal effort and saves you a trip to the grocery store as it utilizes pantry-friendly ingredients to craft a flavorful dish. — *Lauren Mifsud*

Chili-rubbed pork chop

Recipe adapted from MyRecipes.com

- 1 teaspoon ancho chili powder
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon celery seeds
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 4 pork chops

Stir together the first five ingredients in a small bowl along with salt (approximately 1½ teaspoons). Brush the pork chops with the olive oil and rub the spice mixture over both sides of the pork. Set aside. Preheat oven or grill to 375 degrees. Cook the pork chops until done, cooked to an internal temperature of 155 degrees. Let rest approximately five minutes before cutting or serving.

Food & Drink Author events/lectures

• **COOKBOOK EXPLORERS** Share your favorite salad and salad dressing recipes. Wed., July 20, 12:30 p.m. Pelham Public Library, 24 Village Green, Pelham. Call 635-7581.

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Classes/workshops

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Complementary dishes

Pairing wine and food takes skill

By Stefanie Phillips
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The only thing better than a nice glass of wine is a dish that complements it perfectly. I'll argue that pairing wine and food takes true culinary skill, and one Kevin Halligan of Local Eatery in Laconia has mastered.

My boyfriend and I recently attended a Wine Club dinner put on by Hermit Woods Winery in Meredith. They teamed up with Kevin again for this dinner (he has prepared the menu at past wine release dinners), and the results were nothing short of delicious per usual. We were treated to a five-course meal with a palate-cleanser in the middle. Both businesses source as many local ingredients as possible to use in their products, so their partnership is a natural fit. The quality of their ingredients comes through in both the wine and the food.

Our first course was poached spring vegetables paired with 2014 Lake House White. This wine is a blend of whole peaches, rhubarb, quince, autumn berries and rosehips. It drinks a lot like a Burgundy-style peach chablis, but isn't made with any grapes. I really like the peach aroma of this wine, and the salad brought out the peach flavor. The lemon pistachio "sand" of the dish was also a nice contrast. This is a great wine to sip during the hot summer months.

The next course was flaked trout in a smoked broth paired with 2014 Lake House Red. Hermit Woods co-owner and winemaker Ken Hardcastle said this is one of the wines he is most excited about, as it drinks like a red wine made from grapes but showcases local fruit. It is full of berries available right here in New Hampshire including blackberries, raspberries, elderberries, autumn berries and wild low-bush blueberries. The aromas of this wine are so nice due to this complex berry blend. The dish brought out the tannins in the wine very nicely.

During the palate cleanser, we had the opportunity to try the 2015 Hermit Hard Cider, which was just released at the winery. This offering is a dry cider made from six varieties of French and English cider apples sourced from Apple Hill Farm in Concord, fermented with whole crabapples and quince. I like that it isn't overly sweet, but is crisp and refreshing. The spoonful of what I can only describe as apple wasabi cold surprise woke up the effervescence and flavors in the cider. It was different, but it worked.

The next course was my favorite of the night. We enjoyed homemade bowtie pasta with lobster in a crabapple cream sauce paired with 2015 Heirloom Crabapple. This wine is already one of my favorites, and the heirloom tomatoes and slight sweetness of the sauce in the dish went nicely with the crispness and tartness of what has become the winery's signature offering.

The final course before dessert was crispy quail paired with 2013 Melange Blanc. This melomel (fruit and honey wine) is made from whole fruit, including peaches, rhubarb, white cherries, rosehips, pears and quince, in addition to honey. It is smooth and luscious and drinks more like an ice wine without the intense sweetness. It went nicely with the quail and shiitake stuffing. The pleasant sweetness in the wine also highlighted the poached rhubarb and candied orange.

Our final pairing was honey tres leche cake and 2014 Three Honey Wine. Three raw wildflower honeys are blended to make this wine. I find that honey in wine can be an acquired taste, but this pairing worked really well as the wine isn't too sweet, but a honey glaze on the cake brought out its notes.

Local sells several Hermit Woods wines by the glass and has a cider on draft, so you can create your own pairing while dining there. This dinner was offered at a special rate for wine club members. Visit hermitwoods.com/wine-club. 🍷

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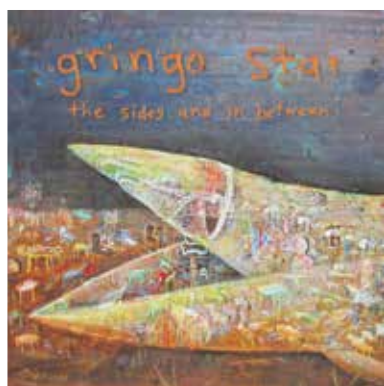
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Gringo Star, *The Sides and in Between* (Nevado Music)



This is weird, man; I'd thought I'd reviewed something more recent from this Atlanta foursome, but apparently the last album I touched from these guys was 2008's *All Y'all*, which I remembered liking enough for its shoe-gaze-blasted Kinks/Cold War Kids temperament. Whatever, yikes, now it's eight years later, and they're classifying themselves as "paranoid pop / boy-band," which is just as intriguing, and basically true, come to think of it. Raised on their parents' Buddy Holly and Animals records, brothers Nicholas

and Peter Furguele take those sounds, jack the squelch knob and go to town on their mop-top jangle-rock with a muzzled, spazzing loudness that Clinic would admire. What this all means to the layman is a reanimation of early '60s rock so authentic it'd bring your grandfather to tears, that is if he's the type to have broken stuff in his youth. If the band has any weakness, it's their workaholism, which has caused them to share bills with Black Lips and Wavves, but Feist and Weezer as well. Aw, they'll figure it out. **A** — *Eric W. Saeger*

Visions Of Atlantis, *Old Routes New Waters* (Napalm Records)



Better late than never on this April release, which again goes to show I need to check my inbox a bit more thoroughly than just deleting anything that isn't a "Sold, Ship Now" message from Amazon. Every critic has his or her Achilles heel, and this Austrian symphonic metal band, mostly the ongoing tortured labor of drummer Thomas Caser, is mine for sure — I just can't say no to these guys. A cross between Evanescence and Trans Siberian Orchestra, the band has, for over 10 years now, been a *Spinal Tap*-like revolving door of guitarists, bassists

and, more notably, hot goth-chick singers, each one more classically trained than the last, leading to now, wherein we find French opera wonk Clémentine Delauney wailing on a few new songs and reworking a few older tunes that had been left slightly lacking in the hands of original singer Nicole Bogner. Delauney's soprano is flawless, as is the rest of the crew — perhaps too flawless, but it is what it is, po-faced opera-metal, too light to be compared to Lacuna Coil but more ambitiously progressive. I dunno, to me, Caser is a mad scientist, plowing through personnel like they were Jell-O shots, but man can he play, and man does he attract the right pieces. **A** — *Eric W. Saeger*

PLAYLIST

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

• The band **Biffy Clyro** releases its new album, *Ellipsis*. A month ago, Warner Brothers promised to send me this album for a more detailed, professional, expert review, but they forgot, or fired their intern for stealing someone's flatbread, but either way, here I am, and there's their album, right there, not on my desk. Normally I'd be angry and looking to exact some juvenile sort of revenge by making fun of this album or whatever, but Warners did send me that last Goo Goo Dolls record, and personally I'd take one GGD album over a lifetime subscription to Biffy Clyro's musical output, so we're good. Now let's go bore ourselves with this three-note nu-metal or whatever Biffy Clyro does these days. So the new single is "Wolves of Winter," which starts out pretty cool with some anger-management intro samples, but then the actual song comes in and it devolves into a cross between Weezer and Disturbed and Queen, sort of like if Barenaked Ladies were trying to entice some metal babes into their tour bus. Is anyone still reading this part? Would you have even heard of this band if it weren't for this column? Be honest.

• The latest fad among people who've contracted internet ADD is finding out how to pronounce all those trendy Gaelic celebrity names, like, did you know that actress Saoirse Ronan's first name is pronounced "sirsha?" Doesn't it annoy you that not all people are named after Archie Comics characters anymore? And then there's **Róisín Murphy**, the Irish singer who was in the sort-of trip-hop duo Moloko until she broke up with whatever-his-name-is, the guy who made up all the music for the act. Look at all those accented vowels. Wrong planet, you know? *Take Her Up to Monto* is her fourth album, and the single is called "Ten Miles High." She's 42 now, so the lead-in commercial on YouTube is for Head & Shoulders shampoo instead of Axe skunk spray or methamphetamine or whatever the Matrix-bots think children might buy these days. Let's listen to this dross, shall we? Yuck, this is like Yoko Ono singing with LMFAO while everyone power-pops downers. The video is a funhouse-mirror view of a bunch of stupid stuff. This is dumb in every way. Go away, dumb song.

• Seattle sludge-metal band **Big Business** releases its fifth album *Command Your Weather*. Does this get you excited, for some rock music? Strangely, I find myself ambivalent. Should I seek help? Let's listen together. Hmm, this song "Father's Day" is awesome, kind of like Big Black, but wait a second, now there's some singing, and it sounds like all those other indie-metal bands like The Sword, like some friend of the band who works at Best Buy is doing the singing just because he can stay on-key. We'll move on, but first let me surround this CD with yellow "Danger: Toxic" tape.

• Finally we have the new **Kenny Chesney** album, *Some Town Some where*. Does he still do country music? Yes, he's wearing a cowboy hat. The lead-in commercial on YouTube is for Applebee's. The single is titled "Noise." It's one of those semi-mellow ones, and it's about how all the Lady Gagas and video games and TV and Androids make too much noise for Chesney, who's "just a Tennessee boy," to be able to think. Paradoxically and ironically, I am inclined to shut off Chesney's own noise at this juncture, while wondering what he'd think about if Lady Gaga would just shut up. — *Eric W. Saeger*

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Lighthouse lore

The characters and stories of American lighthouses

By Kelly Sennott
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The lighthouse is an iconic symbol — for centuries, artists have interpreted them in paintings, photos, sculptures and wall calendars, and in New Hampshire, they're even willing to fork over \$4 to walk the 44 steps and climb the seven-rung ladder to the top of the Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse.

Eric Jay Dolin, author of *Brilliant Beacons: A History of the American Lighthouse*, gave a little insight to the lure of the American lighthouse during a phone interview last week — and he'll do so again as part of the Tory Hill Authors Series at the Warner Town Hall Saturday, July 9, and at the Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse Saturday, July 10.

"Often, they're gorgeous towers in the most wonderful, beautiful, dramatic, awe-inspiring locations," Dolin said. "But I also think there's something really romantic about them; people really idolize the history of them. The real life of a historic lighthouse keeper was often downright boring and monotonous, but there were a lot of beautiful, exciting things about working in a lighthouse."

Dolin, of Marblehead, Massachusetts, is the author of 12 books on a variety of American history topics like trade, whaling and wildlife, but his schooling was in environmental policy and management. He got his undergraduate degree at Brown, his master's at Yale, and his Ph.D. at MIT, where his dissertation focused on the role of the courts in the Boston Harbor cleanup. But he writes because he's curious.

"I'm writing these books for me. I'm sort of an average reader," he said. "Every single book is about a topic I don't know much about before I start working."

It was his editor who pitched the topic, but before pursuing the subject seriously, he did some reading. He'd never written about lighthouses before and knew almost nothing about them but found great personalities and dramatic events in American lighthouse history.

"I was surprised to learn how important of a role lighthouses played in the American Revolution and the Civil War, when lighthouses became pawns in a battle fought over on either side," Dolin said.

Dolin liked reading and writing about the lighthouse keepers who risked their lives to save others, pointing to Ida Lewis as an example. Lewis, the appointed keeper of Lime Rock Light in Newport during the 19th and early 20th century, got the job after the previous keeper, her father, became ill. She saved 18 lives throughout her career.

She was one of many early female lighthouse keepers. Usually, they became keepers



Eric Jay Dolin.
Courtesy photo.

because, like Lewis, they fell into the situation: They were married to or daughters of a keeper who died or became ill. It was a respectable position, and Dolin said women who took it on were almost always paid the same men were.

"In one sense, it wasn't the lighthouse establishment that was so well

ahead of its time in women's equality. It was understood the best person to step into the job was the wife or daughter who may have been helping the husband or father for years running and maintaining the lighthouse," he said.

Just the same, it was important to the suffragette movement later on — people like Elizabeth Cady Stanton looked to some of the female keepers as examples of women who could do the job just as well as men.

Dolin said he also liked writing about the technological changes and the political battles over modernizing America's lighthouse system, and about the dramatic stories surrounding the hurricane of 1938. At one time, there were more than 1,000 lighthouses in the United States. Today there are about 700, and Dolin mentions about 160 in his book. Around half are still open to the public.

For research, Dolin devoured all the texts he could find, some original from the 1800s and 1900s. By the time he turned in the manuscript a year ago, he'd collected 20 binders with 100 pages each of material from the internet or the Massachusetts Historical Society and Harvard University Library. His personal library at home contains 80 used lighthouse books. Since the book's spring release, he's received a lot of demand for speaking events.

"I think people innately know they're important structures in the history of our country," Dolin said.

Meet Eric Jay Dolin

Tory Hill Author Series: Saturday, July 9, at 7 p.m., at Warner Town Hall, 5 E. Main St., Warner, includes presentation, \$10, toryhillauthorseries.com

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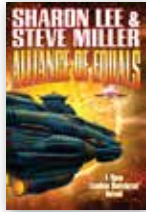
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Lab Girl, by Hope Jahren (Alfred A. Knopf, 282 pages)

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"A seed is alive while it waits. Every acorn on the ground is just as alive as the three-hundred-year-old oak tree that towers over it," explains geobiologist Hope Jahren in her memoir and occasional meditation, *Lab Girl*. Take that bit of information with you on your next trek through the woods, and watch where you step, lest you kill the hopes of the hundreds of seeds underfoot.

Jahren, as eloquent a champion of plants as the soldier-poet Joyce Kilmer, knows all about the secret lives of lotus flowers, blue spruce and kudzu, and her observations provide a fitting start to the growing season. In addition, she's a sympathetic compatriot for anyone who's ever loved a tree.

Plants outlive and outnumber animal life on Earth; despite our passion for cutting them down, there are 200 trees for every person in the U.S. The fact that anything grows at all is wondrous, given the odds. More than half of all seeds will die before they can sprout. Among trees that defiantly break through soil and climb toward light, 95 percent will not live through the first year. In climates like New Hampshire's, where "the whole trick of survival is not freezing to death," it's even more daunting.

"Remaining stationary and naked outside in the below-freezing weather for three months is a death sentence for almost every living thing on Earth, except for the many species of trees that have been doing it for a hundred million years or more," Jahren writes. That's because every cell in a tree is "basically just a box of water" that expands as it freezes — which is why a stalk of celery wilts if your refrigerator is too cold.

Jahren's contributions to science are widely known. She's the recipient of three Fulbright Awards and is a tenured professor at the University of Hawaii in Manoa, where she built the Isotope Geobiology Laboratories. She has done research at the University of California-Berkeley, Georgia Institute of Technology and Johns Hopkins University.

Jahren makes her field more accessible, arguing that you don't need to be good at math or chemistry to be a scientist any more than you need to know how to knit to be a housewife. But we already have



YouTube to make complex scientific principles understandable and engaging; just Google Vsauce.

What she contributes to the literary table is a compelling love story — remarkably, one that is utterly platonic.

The lab girl, see, had a lab partner, and they've worked together since 1994. Bill Hagopian is his name, although in *Lab Girl* he's just Bill, the Clyde to Jahren's Bonnie, the scientist who

worked tirelessly in the lab at nights while she worked days, who traveled the country — and, in fact, the world — with her, collecting moss that would be confiscated by airport security in Ireland, outfitting labs with treasures from the Salvation Army thrift store, dancing on glaciers.

Perhaps most gratifying is that these two highly trained scientists, whose everyday conversations are over the heads of most college graduates, liked to kick back late at night with a bag of frozen cheeseburgers from McDonald's (they determined that freezing didn't much change the consistency) and watch Jerry Springer.

If that isn't love, what is?

Jahren does fall in love, in the traditional way, with another scientist she doesn't meet until page 205, and not to take anything away from her husband, Clint, and the child the two had, for a while, Clint seems like a fact getting in the way of a good story. (Although the meeting between Bill and Clint does give some much-needed tension to the book, even though Jahren and Bill didn't even so much as hug until after the birth of her child, 11 years after they met at Berkeley.)

Jahren writes beautifully and employs a smart structure in *Lab Girl*, flipping between short essays on plant life and autobiographical chapters that take her from childhood in Minnesota to her struggles with depression to the birth of her child. Or, as she puts it, during 20 years together, she and Bill have "gotten three degrees, worked six jobs, lived in four countries and traveled in 16 more, ended up in the hospital five times, owned eight old cars, driven at least 25,000 miles, put a dog to sleep, and produced roughly sixty-five thousand carbon stable isotope measurements."

"Along the way, we also managed to become adults without ceasing to be children," Jahren says, revealing part of why the scientists' relationship is so appealing.

Bill has told her he will never read the book because "he can damn well sit down and remember the last twenty years without any help from me." She wrote it, anyway, because some love stories demand to be told. **B+** — *Jennifer Graham*

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Poems Based on Bach's
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Alice B. Fogel

• **Alice Fogel poetry reading:** The Hyla Brook Reading Series continues its summer lineup of poetry events, and New Hampshire Poet Laureate Alice Fogel is the featured reader on Thursday, July 14, at 6:30 p.m., at the Robert Frost Farm, 122 Rockingham Road, Derry. Her newest poetry collection, *Interval: Poems Based on Bach's Goldberg Variations*,

won the Nicholas Schaffner Award for Music in Literature. She lives in Walpole, New Hampshire. The reading is free to attend and will be followed by an open mike. Visit frostfarmpoetry.org.

• **Bruins mascot, Ice Girls, visiting New Hampshire public libraries:** The 2016 national Summer Reading Program theme, facilitated by the Children's Librarians of New Hampshire and Collaborative Summer Library Program, for children is "On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!" and to go with that idea, the Bruins mascot, Blades, and members of the Ice Girls will travel to several Granite State libraries this summer. During their visits, children registered for the summer reading program can color hockey masks, read *This Bear's Tale: How Blades Became a Bruin* and play trivia games. Several Bruins players (including Patrice Bergeron, Zdeno Chara and Tuukka Rask) have developed a "Favorite Books of the Boston Bruins" reading list. Visits have already happened in Merrimack and New Boston — next on the list are the Pease Public Library (1 Russell St., Plymouth, 536-2616) on Monday, July 18, from 3 to 4 p.m.; the Durham Public Library (49 Madbury Road, Durham, 868-6699) on Tuesday, July 19, from 11 a.m. to noon; the Goodwin Library (422 Main St., Farmington, 755-2944) on Tuesday, July 19, from 3 to 4 p.m.; and the Derry Public Library (64 E. Broadway, Derry, 432-6140) on Tuesday, July 26, from 11 a.m. to noon. Visit nh.gov/nhsl.

• **Book sale:** The Friends of the Dudley-Tucker Library hold its annual book sale at the library, 6 Epping St., Raymond, on Friday, July 8, from 6 to 10 p.m., and again Saturday, July 9, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. during the town fair. Proceeds benefit the Dudley-Tucker Library. Call 895-5294. — *Kelly Sennott*

Books

Author Events

• **NEIL HAYWARD** Author talks about *Lost Among the Birds: Accidentally Finding Myself in One Very Big Year*. Thurs., July 7, at 5:30 p.m. Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. Email marie.coolman@bloomsbury.com.

• **DR. DAVID NAGEL, MD** Author talks about *Needless Suffering: How Society Fails Those With Chronic Pain*. Fri., July 8, at 5:30 p.m. Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. Visit gibsonsbookstore.com/events/primrose-lane.

• **SHARON LEE, STEVE MILLER** Authors talk about *Alliance of Equals*. Sat., July 9,

at 2 p.m. Toadstool Bookshop, 614 Nashua St., Milford. Visit toadbooks.com. Call 673-1734.

• **LESLIE LAWRENCE, BRAD CRENSHAW** Authors discuss/sign recent books, *The Death of Fred Astaire — and Other Essays From a Life Outside the Lines* and *Genealogies*, respectively. Sat., July 9, at 2 p.m. Toadstool Bookshop, 12 Depot Square, Peterborough.

• **JOE SMIGA** Author talks about *Blackest of Fridays*. Sat., July 9, at 1 p.m. Barnes & Noble, 1741 S. Willow St., Manchester.

• **ERIC JAY DOLIN** Author talks about *Brilliant Beacons: A History of the American Light-house*. Part of Tory Hill Author

series. Sat., July 9, at 7 p.m. Warner Town Hall, Main St., Warner. \$10. Visit toryhillauthorseries.com.

• **FORREST RUSSELL COOK** Author talks about *Money, Murder and Madness: A Banking Life*. Sun., July 10, at 1 p.m. Barnes & Noble, 235 DW Highway, Nashua.

• **JO WALTON, ADA PALMER** Authors talk about *Necessity, Too Like the Lightning*. Mon., July 11, at 7 p.m. RiverRun Bookstore, 142 Fleet St., Portsmouth. Visit riverrunbookstore.com. Call 431-2100.

• **PAUL HERTNEKY** Author presents essay collection *Rust Belt Boy: Stories of an American Childhood*. Wed., July 13, at 5:30 p.m. Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. Visit gibsonsbookstore.com. Call 224-0562.

• **JUDY BLUME** American author Judy Blume comes to town with her latest best-selling novel for adults, *In the Unlikely Event*, now out in paperback. Thurs., July 14 at 7 p.m. The Music Hall, 28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth. \$29 (\$27 for members); each ticket purchased includes a paperback copy of *In the Unlikely Event*. Call 436-2400.

• **DOUGLAS ROOKS** Author talks about biography of George Mitchell, *Statesman: George Mitchell and the Art of the Possible*. Thurs., July 14, at 5:30 p.m. Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. Visit gibsonsbookstore.com.

• **JOSEPH DI PRISCO** signs/discusses *The Alzhammer*. Toadstool Bookshop, 12 Depot Square, Milford. Thurs., July 14, at 4 p.m. Visit toadbooks.com.

• **PHILIP SOLETSKY** Author talks about *A Hard Rain*. Thurs., July 14, at 10:30 a.m. Meredith Public Library, 91 Main St., Meredith. Visit meredithlibrary.org. Call 279-4303.

• **SY MONTGOMERY** Author talks about *The Great White Shark Scientist*. Toadstool Bookshop, 12 Depot Square, Peterborough. Sat., July 16, at 11 a.m. Visit toadbooks.com.

• **JOHN CURTIN** Author talks about *Rhio Saves the Big Day*. Thurs., July 16, at 2 p.m. Toadstool Bookshop, 614 Nashua St., Nashua.

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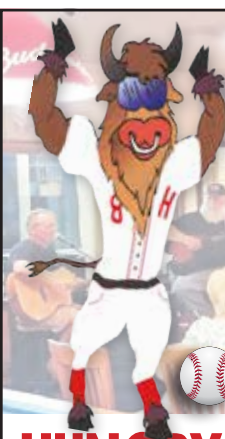
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The BFG (PG)

A little girl befriends a Big Friendly Giant but must avoid the even bigger, not-so-friendly giants looking to eat her and other children in *The BFG*, a live action/CGI tale based on a Roald Dahl book.

Sophie (Ruby Barnhill) is an orphan who spends many a sleepless night prowling around the orphanage where she lives. But one night, at what she says is the witching hour of 3 a.m., she catches a giant in the middle of his nightly rounds of spreading dreams. He scoops her up from her bed, along with her glasses and her quilt and her copy of *Nicholas Nickleby*, and whisks her off to Giant Country.

The Big Friendly Giant, BFG for short (Mark Rylance, in CGI stretch-o-vision like all the actors playing the giants), tells Sophie that he can't take her back to human London because she'll spill the secret of giants being real and then humans will come hunting them. But she must also be careful while in Giant Country. BFG is something of a vegetarian; he eats a sort of rotten-looking cucumber and drinks a fizzy green drink for his meals. (The drink is particularly strange in that its bubbles go down instead of up, as with your standard sodas. Likewise, its air bubbles once imbibed also go, a-hem, down, not coming out as burps but in the other direction. If



The BFG

your kids like a fart joke, this is their movie.) BFG's diet sets him apart among giants — most of them eat children, or "beans" (at least, I think that's what they're saying, and I think it's a shortened version of "human beings").

Other giants are also much larger and meaner than BFG, who though huge to humans is something of a jockey among WWE wrestlers around the giants. Though BFG, with his charmingly bungled pronunciations and his grandfatherly nature, tries to get along with the giants, they don't

respect him or his work — which is gathering dreams and then sending them out to the minds of sleeping children. He also isn't particularly good at standing up for himself. The BFG is kind-hearted and wants to save even the giants (played by basically unrecognizable Jermaine Clement, Bill Hader, Olafur Darri Olafsson, Adam Godley, Michael Adamthwaite, Daniel Bacon, Jonathan Holmes, Chris Gibbs and Paul Moniz de Sa) who bully him. But when Sophie is in danger, BFG starts to find the backbone to help her.

It took me a while to wade in to this movie. Something — about Sophie? the CGI? — something made this movie initially tonally slightly off. I appreciated the matter-of-fact darkness, the silliness and the sweetness but they didn't seem to fit together. I didn't feel joy or wonder or charmed, I just felt like the movie was lacking some small but vital quality that would bring all of its elements together and make me get emotionally invested in the story. Were this a plate of food, I'd be reaching for the salt.

For me, the movie starts to click somewhere deep in its second half, when the Queen (Penelope Wilton, Isobel Crawley looking very Queen Elizabeth II), becomes part of the story. Somehow here, all the whimsy and cuteness and wacky malapropisms and adventure and farting pulls together and becomes something, if not quite magical, then enjoyable and fun.

A movie that wakes up in its last third (or so) is perhaps not something that you'd normally count as a success. But I think this movie does win more than lose and I think the credit goes entirely to Mark Rylance. Now, admittedly, I went in to this movie thinking Rylance was pretty fantastic. He elevated Steven Spielberg's last movie, *Bridge of Spies*, and took it from being a straightforward, not-bad affair to being one of the better movies of 2015. Here, for me at least, Rylance is the movie. His face

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Coming soon

Opens July 8: *The Secret Life of Pets* (PG) A look at what cartoon cats, dogs and at least one rabbit do when their cartoon people leave for the day, featuring the voices of Louis C.K., Jenny Slate, Albert Brooks, Kevin Hart and Ellie Kemper; *Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates* (R) Zac Efron and Adam

Devine are doofy brothers who take the even doofier Anna Kendrick and Aubrey Plaza as dates to their sister's wedding.

In theaters now:

Alice Through the Looking Glass (PG)

Mia Wasikowska, Johnny Depp. The pretty-looking but otherwise dreary Alice adventures of 2010 get a sequel in this equally dreary entry that

leans way too heavily on the whole "Depp playing wacky" thing. Alice's adventures in regularland actually appear way more interesting than anything she does in Wonderland. C

**Captain America: Civil War* (PG-13)

Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr. Unlike other superhero-vs.-superhero movies I could name, the battle between

Team Captain America and Team Iron Man works — there's energy, lightness, emotional stakes, colors other than gray! — and makes for a surprisingly well-paced, well-crafted two and a half hours of action movie fun. B+

Central Intelligence (PG-13)

Kevin Hart, Dwayne Johnson. The chemistry between Hart

and Johnson is the key to the, on balance, success of this movie about a CIA agent and the high school buddy he unwittingly gets to help him find a traitor. As action-comedies go, this is a fun, if lightweight, entry. B

The Conjuring 2 (R)

Vera Farmiga, Patrick Wilson. Though at nearly two hours and 15 minutes it could be shorter, *The Conjuring 2*

gives us more of the really nice married couple relationship between Ed and Lorraine Warren and their fight against supernatural whosiwatsits. B

Finding Dory (PG)

Voices of Ellen DeGeneres, Ed O'Neill. Not as deep or as dark as the original, this sequel is nonetheless light, sweet fun with standout vocal work from DeGeneres in the lead. B+



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Once upon a time, an English lord, his wife and their infant son were marooned in the African Congo. After she dies and he is killed in a gorilla attack, the baby is found by a female gorilla. She takes the human baby and raises him alongside her gorilla baby, picking his fleas and showing him how to walk around on his knuckles. Years later, Tarzan (Skarsgard), who has a reputation among the human locals as a ghostly thing to be either feared or respected and among the animal locals as One Of Us, meets Jane (Margot Robbie), the daughter of an American professor living in the nearby village. After he protects her from gorilla attack and because when she meets him he's a naked Alexander Skarsgard, they apparently quickly fall in love.

Our story truly begins, however, with Tarzan, now using his legal name of John Clayton, Lord Greystoke, living in his large but dreary London mansion with Jane, who is now his wife. John has been asked by King Leopold of Belgium to go back to the Congo to check out all the nice things the Belgians have done for the locals. The British officials to whom the king is heavily in debt want him to go so that he can help get their money back. American George Washington Williams (Samuel L. Jackson) wants him to go as cover for Williams' own investigation into what's going on in the Congo. He's pretty sure all the schools and hospitals the Belgians have allegedly built are just a fiction to hide the fact that the king has basically enslaved the country.

John agrees to go but isn't super keen on taking Jane with him. The couple has just lost a baby and he's afraid that something in the Congo could endanger her as well, anything from the local fauna to the tribal chief, Mbonga (Djimon Hounsou), who is still out for Tarzan's blood because Tarzan killed the chief's son. But Jane is a plucky American girl who is no more interested in

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THE ROUND UP

Local music news & events

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• **Sisterhood:** A businesswomen's cocktail hour precedes an in-the-round performance of female artists hosted by Rachel Thomas Green. It's the second anniversary of the monthly **Siren Series**. Musicians include Rachel Burlock of Feisty Pants, Jen Whit, Tanya Darling, Meaghan Casey and Jennifer Mitchell. Pre-show networking offers free appetizers, Siren Series T-shirts and artist meet-n-greet. Go Thursday, July 7, at 7 p.m. at Shaskeen Pub, 909 Elm St., Manchester. See bit.ly/29aoPXg.

• **Bass-less:** They're equal parts Paramore and Little Big Town, but one element that sets **Analog Heart** apart from other bands is its bass player, or rather the lack of one. Two guitars flank sultry lead singer Liz Bills, with a drummer behind, but the bottom end lives in an iPod fed through an amp. Granted, the canned music is theirs; lead guitarist Jesse Cohen plays every note. But no bassist is onstage. See them Friday, July 8, at 9 p.m. at Stone Church, 5 Granite St., Newmarket. Tickets \$8 at stonechurchrocks.com.

• **Junkyard:** Helping their home city earn its ManchVegas nickname, **Recycled Percussion** performs a one-off downtown show all fresco. After finishing second in the 2009 *America's Got Talent* competition, the kinetic junk rockers set up shop in Las Vegas and have held a few residencies since but always make time for their hometown. Go Sunday, July 10, at 6 p.m. at Veterans Park, 737 Elm St., Manchester. Tickets are \$24 at eventbrite.com.

• **Landsailor:** His summer boat cruise sells out well in advance, but **Chad LaMarsh** and his band's show in downtown Derry is free, no ticket required. The amiable singer-guitarist is a returning favorite at the annual series. He plays a mix of popular covers ranging across the spectrum of rock, country and alternative. Go Tuesday, July 12, at 7 p.m. at MacGregor Park, East Broadway (next to the public library), Derry. See bit.ly/29bvMEM.

NITE Rock out in the woods

New home for seventh Camp-n-Jam

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As the name implies, the Go-Local Camp-n-Jam Festival is a homegrown event that celebrates a cohesive and growing local music scene. It debuted in 2009, and except for 2014, when the venue pulled out in the 11th hour, it's gone on every year since. For the seventh Camp-n-Jam, the festival has a new home: Page Farm in Croydon.

The 68-acre working farm began hosting live music events four years ago. It boasts three performing areas, including an ornate covered stage at the end of a cleared field that's both beautiful and powerful, and open space big enough for up to 2,000 campers. Performers like Brett Wilson, front man for co-headliner Roots of Creation, love it.

"The hospitality there is amazing," Wilson said. "The owners traveled around seeing the Grateful Dead for who knows how long, and they're just great people."

He said they also contributed to the band's Pledgemusic campaign, a crowd-sourcing effort that was the main funding source for *Livin' Free*, a new collection of music released in late April. In addition to a standard 18-track edition, a three disc deluxe collection includes dub and remixed versions of 14 different tracks.

Livin' Free features guest appearances from Melvin Seals of the Jerry Garcia Band, Sublime's Ras MG, Rubblebucket, Pato Banton, reggae singer Mighty Mystic and others. RoC befriended many in the album's supporting cast at festivals like Gathering of the Vibes, where they've become a mainstay on the circuit during their 11 years as a band.

The name recognition has helped the new album; it spent a week at No. 1 on the *Billboard* reggae chart.

"A bunch of DJs are picking it up and we're just touring our asses off trying to get the music around," Wilson said. "My favorite thing has been seeing everybody singing the words to the songs. ... People have been doing their homework. It's so awesome to look out of the crowd and hear them connecting with the music."

Roots of Creation will play the penultimate set at Camp-n-Jam, ahead of jamtronica stalwarts Particle. The band is keen to perform at the festival despite demanding travel challenges.

"We got an offer to play with Fela Kuti's son Femi at the Crossroads Festival in Kansas City, Missouri, the day before," Wilson said. "So we're going to drive to New York City, hop on a plane, go to Kansas City, play, hop on a plane back, then get our trailer and go play a set at Camp-n-Jam."

For all their ubiquity on the summer festival scene, this is Roots of Creation's first Camp-n-Jam.

That both Wilson and the event's current organizers hail from Peterborough made it somewhat inevitable — Wilson and co-promoter Cooper Leaf are longtime friends.

"I think it really took Cooper to make it happen," Wilson said.

The festival's focus continues to be local; all but one of the 29 bands on the bill hail from New England, and most are from New Hampshire. Still, inviting out-of-town bands is a recent innovation.

L.A.-based headliner Particle is new to the event and new in what they're doing, Wilson said.

"They're the first act to ever really use electronic music with jam band music," he said. "With Disco Biscuits and Soundtrack Sector Nine, they're in the beginning of that scene. We're friends with them and the band leader. He's a really great guy, and it's going to be awesome."

Camp-n-Jam Festival VII

When: Friday, July 8, Saturday, July 9, and Sunday, July 10

Where: Page Farm, 46 Sand Hill Road, Croydon

Tickets: \$25-\$75 at brownpapertickets.com

Friday, July 8

Stage 1

5 p.m. People Skills
6:30 p.m. Pythons In the Mist
8 p.m. Hayley Jane and the Primates
10:30 a.m. Strange Machines

Stage 2

5:45 p.m. The 123's
7:15 p.m. Amulus
9:15 p.m. Gang of Thieves

Stage 3

6 p.m. Icculus
7 p.m. The Romano Project

Saturday, July 9

Stage 1

12 p.m. Trade
1:45 p.m. Ghost Dinner Band
3:15 p.m. Them In the Hive
4:45 p.m. Modern Fools
6:15 p.m. The Grebes
7:45 p.m. Roots of Creation
10:30 p.m. Particle

Stage 2

11:30 p.m. Andy Lalotus Band
1 p.m. The Other's
2:30 p.m. Hug The Dog
4 p.m. Pat and the Hats
5:30 p.m. The Youngest Sun
7 p.m. The Van Burens
9 p.m. Lespecial

Stage 3

1:20 p.m. Turnsoul
2:25 p.m. Battleground
3:30 p.m. Supernothing
4:35 p.m. Moxely Union
5:40 p.m. Bankok Disco
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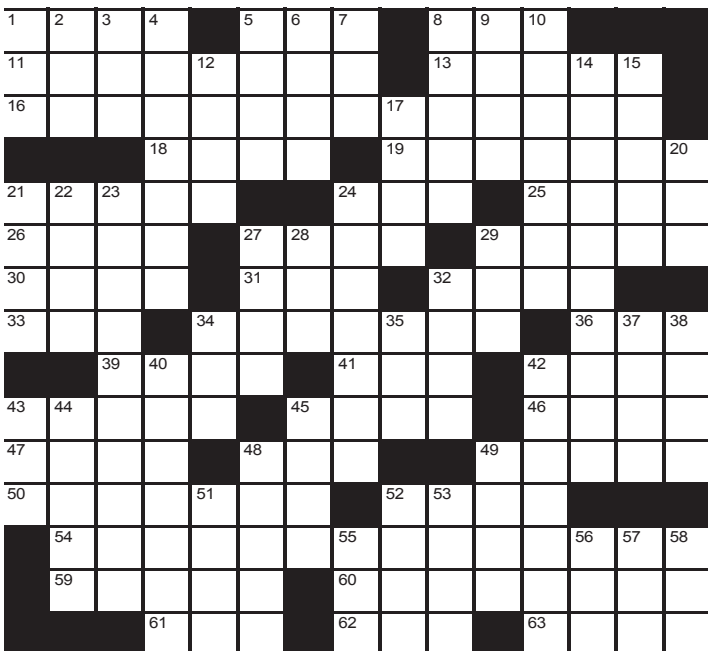
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5. 'Keep On Loving You' ___ Speedwagon
8. Jackson Five "counting" favorite
11. Wye Oak song not about a member of the military?
13. Groupies 16. Police classic '___ Take' (5,6,3)
18. Disrespect another rocker, slang
19. Staind's obvious 5th album: '___ V'
21. Bruce Springsteen 'Born ___' (2,3)
24. Love singer Arthur
25. Drive By Truckers 'Big ___' (hyph)
26. Blues Traveler smash that "Brings you back"
27. They tap to good music
29. Joan Jett puts them in the jukebox



30. Meat Puppets cover on Nirvana's 'Unplugged' album (2,2)
31. What you take 'Off To (Roy) Harper'
32. Mexican food 'Satan Gave' to Beck
33. GnR '___ Your Illusion I'
34. Sing/songster David ___ Daniels
36. Sammy Hagar, aka The ___ Rocker
39. CSN&Y song about Kent State shootings
41. German teen idol Ofarim
42. "Eat your heart out on a plastic ___" Sex Pistols
43. Dixieland classic '___ Street Blues'
45. Road manager's always on it, for short
46. Psychedelics Fifty Foot ___
47. 'Baby Got Back' subject
48. 'This Is All Yours' ___-J
49. Fixed stage outfit
50. What writer will go on, for love of band
52. Matt Nathanson song off 'Beneath

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- These Fireworks' (1,3)
54. Three Dog Night "Just ___ love song, comin' down in three-part harmony" (2,9)
59. Pete Yorn song w/good judgement?
60. See it at top of front page for star news
61. Who Joan Osbourne sang of in 'One Of Us'
62. NYC indie-folkers
63. '95 Everclear album 'Sparkle And ___'

Down

1. "You're as cold as ___" Foreigner
2. 'Can't Wait One Minute More' band
3. UK band All About ___
4. Stevie Wonder "You can feel it all over" song (3,4)
5. You Am I 'Adam's ___'
6. What improv musicians need to have, slang
7. Bob Marley '___ Love'
8. Dylan 'The Groom's Still Waiting ___ Altar' (2,3)
9. 'Who Let The Dogs Out?' ___ Men
10. '97 Megadeth album '___ Writings'
12. Iconic Eagles classic '___ Eyes'
14. Audioslave 'Yesterday ___' (2,8)
15. Elvis' shoe material that you can't step on
17. Nails audition
20. 'Takk' band Sigur ___

21. Mountain Goats 'Hast ___ Considered The Tetrapod'
22. Come before "aahs"
23. Keith Urban's Steve Forbert cover (6,4)
24. '04 Black Eyed Peas hit '___ It Started' (4,3)
27. ___ & The Get Down Stay Down
28. 'Stories Of A Stranger' Maryland band
29. 'Language Of Love' Fogelberg
32. Squeeze "And I feel like William ___"
34. Sister Sledge?
35. Coldplay '___ Kingdom Come'
37. Jackson/Ross "___ on down the road"
38. Circa Survive '___ In The Wool'
40. What you want single release to be (3,4)
42. Mumford & Sons '15 hit (3,4)
43. World's largest broadcaster
44. The air around stars
45. Musical sign
48. Gained a band member
49. Safety-suit "Was it something I ___?"
51. Animal Collective '___ Frightened'
52. Phish "Though ___, I don't stare" (1,3)
53. Bogus Grinder song?
55. Poison 'Open Up And Say ___!'
56. Peebles from the 80s
57. Part of the 'Line' Traveling Wilburys were going to

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Newmarket
Stone Church: Irish Music w/
Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki & Jim
Prendergast

Peterborough
Harlow's: Bluegrass Night
La Mia Casa: Soul Repair

Plaistow
Racks: Rock Jam, Dave Thompson

Portsmouth
Birdseye Lounge: The Nth
Power with Gang of Thieves
British Beer: R.C. Thomas
Dolphin Striker: Krew de
Groove
Fat Belly's: DJ Flex
Portsmouth Book & Bar: Elissa
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Press Room: Opus 3 Jazz Trio
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Lakes Region Casino: DJ Mark

Claremont
Common Man: Rick Davis /
Lori Oz

Concord
Pit Road Lounge: Red Sky Mary
Tandy's: DJ Iceman Streetz
(105.5 JYY)
TGI Fridays: Jake Durkin

Derry
Coffee Factory: Dave LaCroix
Drae: Joel Cage

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Goffstown
Village Trestle: Dogfathers

Hampton
Boardwalk Café: John
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Savory Square: The Last Duo
Sea Ketch: Pat Foley/Ross
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Wally's Pub: The Old Bastards

Hanover
Canoe Club: Tom Pirozzoli
Jesse's: Dave Clark Duo

Hillsborough
Mama McDonough's: Mikey G

Laconia
Patio Garden: Charlie Jennison

FREE MUSIC THIS WEEK

Pitman's Freight Room:

Charlie Keating Band

Lebanon
Salt Hill Pub: Bob Rutherford/
Michael Spaulding

Londonderry
Coach Stop: Kieran McNally

Manchester
British Beer: Triana Wilson
City Sports Grille: DJ Dave
Derryfield: Deck Higgins &
Jakes/Tim Theriault Band
Foundry: Brien Sweet
Fratello's: Kelsie Hinds
ManchVegas: Walkin The Line
Murphy's Taproom: Justin
Cohn/Jamsterdam
Penuche's: Lichen
Shaskeen: Sirsy
Strange Brew: Racky Thomas
TGI Fridays: Jeff Mrozek
Whiskey's 20: DJs Jason
Spivak & Sammy Smoove
Wild Rover: Austin Pratt

Merrimack
Homestead: Clint Lapointe

Milford
Aden China: DJ Brian
Chapanga's: Slakas
J's Tavern: Bright Orange
Blasto
Tiebreakers: Brad Bosse

Moultonborough
Buckey's: Red Hat Band

Nashua
Country Tavern: Rudi Glen
Fody's: Shakedown
Fratello's Italian Grille: Paul
Luff
Haluwa: Terminal Velocity
Riverwalk Cafe: Soule Monde
w/ The Van Burens
Speaker's Corner: Dave
Chiasson
Thirsty Turtle: DJ Vicious

Newmarket
Stone Church: Analog Heart /
Colbis the Creature

Plaistow
Crow's Nest: Among The
Living

Portsmouth
Birdseye Lounge: The Mallett
Brothers

Dolphin Striker: Groove Cats
Fat Belly's: DJ Cootz
Martingale Wharf: Family
Affair
Portsmouth Book & Bar:
Lynne Taylor & Scott Solsky
Press Room: Dub Apocalypse
Red Door: Face of Fate & Ryan
Obermiller
Ri Ra: Without Paris
Rudi's: Duke & John Hunter
Thirsty Moose: New York Funk
Exchange

Rochester
China Palace: Bryan Govostes
aka "Beezly "B"
Radloff's: Dancing Madly
Backwards Duo
Smokey's Tavern: Tom Schena

Suncook
Olympus Pizza: Nicole Knox
Murphy

Warner
The Local: Tristan Omand

Weare
Stark House Tavern: Tanya &
Brad Myrick

Saturday, July 9
Belmont
Lakes Region Casino: Reckless

Bristol
Back Room at the Mill: The
Lynne Taylor Duo
Kathleen's Cottage: Dunn
Purple Pit: Russ Ryan Band

Concord
Barley House: Bondurant
Hermanos: Paul Speidel
Pit Road Lounge: Jester Jiggs
Tandy's: DJ Iceman Streetz
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Dover
Cara: Club Night w/ DJ
Shawny O
Dover Brickhouse: Killer at
Large/The Screen/Bigfoot
Fury's Publick House: Rebel
Alliance

Epping
Holy Grail: Boo Boo Groove
Telly's: Rob & Jody
Tortilla Flat: Justin Cohn

Gilford
Patrick's: Dueling Pianos

Schuster's: Dan Carter or Kevin
Hackett

Goffstown
Village Trestle: Manchuka

Hampton
Bernie's Beach Bar:
Thirdmanhigh
Boardwalk Café: Mary
Casiello
Community Oven: Kevin
White
North Beach Bar & Grille:
Wooden Nickels Band
Ron Jillian's: Chris Hayes
Savory Square: Sharon Jones
Sea Ketch: Clint Lapointe/
Steve Tolley
The Goat: Tim Parent/Dave
Ballin
Wally's Pub: Diezel

Hanover
Canoe Club: Rosen-Concillio
Duo
Salt Hill Pub: Sirsy

Hudson
Capri Pizza: Angry Balls
Project

Laconia
Faro Italian Grille: Brad
Myrick Duo
Paradise Beach Club: Fighting
Friday
Patio Garden: Bob Gagnon
Tower Hill: Chicago Steve

Lebanon
Salt Hill Pub: Conniption Fits

Londonderry
Coach Stop: Paul Lussier
Stumble Inn: Brad Bosse

Manchester
City Sports Grille: Randy &
Brad
Derryfield: Chad LaMarsh
Band/Those Guys
Foundry: Doug Thompson
Fratello's: Tim Gurshin
KC's Rib Shack: Amanda Cote
ManchVegas: Without Paris
Midnight Rodeo: Fried Cactus
Murphy's Taproom: Max
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Penuche's: Folkfaces
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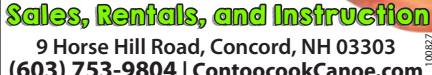
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Casino Ballroom: Bob
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Friday, July 8
Londonderry
Tupelo: Joey Yannetty
& Mike Koutrobis

Saturday, July 9
Manchester
Headliners: Mark Sca-
lia

Sunday, July 10
Hampton Beach
Casino Ballroom:
Nick Swardson

Meredith
Hart's Turkey Farm:
Rob Steen Hosts

Monday, July 11
Concord
Penuche's: Punchlines

Wednesday, July 13
Manchester
Murphy's: Laugh Free
Or Die Open Mic
Shaskeen: Kyrn
Hobby/Kendall Farrell

Merrimack
Pacific Fusion:
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Pasta Loft: Drown Your Boots

Nashua
110 Grill: Justin Chamberland
Agave Azul: DJ Roberto Tropical Saturday
Boston Billiard Club: DJ Anthem Throwback
Fody's: Daemon Chili
Fratello's Italian Grille: Chris Gardner
Haluwa: Terminal Velocity
Peddler's Daughter: Take 4
Riverwalk Cafe: Roberto Morbioli

Newmarket
Stone Church: Whatsername w/ Shmar / Brit Connors (Late)

Newport
Salt Hill Pub: Alex Smith & The Mountain Sound

Peterborough
La Mia Casa: Fall Of Babylon, Graviton, Sonic Pulse, Witchtripper, Dyhanna

Plaistow
Crow's Nest: Soundtrack to Monday
Racks: George Belli & the Retroactivists

Portsmouth
Birdseye Lounge: Peter Prince w/ Kidaudra
Blue Mermaid: Pete Peterson
Dolphin Striker: Brick Yard Blues
Fat Belly's: DJ Provo
Hilton Garden: Cormac McCarthy
Martingale Wharf: Digney Fignus
Portsmouth Book & Bar: Juliet and the Lonesome Rodeo
Press Room: GreenVibe Presents: Of The Trees / Zoo Logic / Malakai
Red Door: The Wig & Panooc
Ri Ra: Mugsy
Rudi's: Jim Dozet & Guest
Thirsty Moose: Caroline Gray Band
White Heron: Walker Smith

Raymond
Cork n Keg: Dance Hall Epidemic

Salem
Barking Bean: Dave LaCroix

Seabrook
Chop Shop: Wildside

Tilton
Winni Grille: Jim Tyrrell

Weare
Stark House Tavern: Charlie Christos

Sunday, July 10

Bedford
Copper Door: Paul Luff

Concord
Cheers: Brad Myrick
Hermanos: State Street Combo

Dover
Cara: Irish Session w/ Carol Coronis & Ramona Connelly
Dover Brickhouse: Jazz Brunch
Sonny's: Sonny's Jazz

Gilford
Schuster's: Brunch - Piano w/ Bob Kropel

Goffstown
Village Trestle: Wan-tu Blues Band & Jam

Hampton
Sea Ketch: Ray Zerkle/Dueling Piano
The Goat: Jennifer Mitchell/ Kevin White

Hanover
Canoe Club: George Rice/ David Westphalen/Fred Haas

Laconia
Patio Garden: Boardwalk Jazz Quartet
Pitman's Freight Room: RB Stone Blues Band

Londonderry
Stumble Inn: Haley Chic

Manchester
Derryfield: Deck- Chad LaMarsh
Murphy's Taproom: Steve Haidaichuk/Chelsey & Annie
Shaskeen: Rap night, Industry night
Strange Brew: Jam

Meredith
Giuseppe's: Open Stage with Lou Porrazzo

Milford
Chapanga's: Brad Bosse

Nashua
Agave Azul: DJ Rich - Smokin' Sunday
Portland Pie: Brett Wilson
Riverwalk Cafe: Riverwalk

Jazz Sundays: Hungry Tree

Newbury
Salt Hill Pub: Brooks Hubbard

Newmarket
Stone Church: The Joshua Incident

Portsmouth
Dolphin Striker: Pete Peterson
Press Room: Jazz - Triple Piano Trios Tim Ray, Rebecca Cline, Ryan Parker
Red Door: Trap Night w/ Adfero & Yung Abner
Ri Ra: Irish Session
Rudi's: Jazz Brunch w/ Nate Therrian

Rochester
Lilac City Grille: Brunch Music at 9:30am
Radloff's: James McGarvey

Monday, July 11

Concord
Hermanos: State Street Combo

Hampton
Bernie's Beach Bar: Brad Bosse
Boardwalk Cafe: Mark LaPointe/Craig LaGrassa
Sea Ketch: Ray Zerkle/Tim Thierault

Hanover
Canoe Club: Marko the Magician
Salt Hill Pub: Hootenanny

Manchester
Central Ale House: Jonny Friday Duo
Derryfield: Deck- Ryan Williams
Fratello's: Rob Wolfe or Phil Jacques
Murphy's Taproom: Clint LaPointe

Merrimack
Homestead: Doug Thompson

Milford
Shaka's: Phileep at Shaka's Bar

Nashua
Dolly Shakers: Monday's Muse w Lisa Guyer
Fratello's Italian Grille: Justin Cohn

Newmarket
Stone Church: Blues Jam w/ Wild Eagles Blues Band

Portsmouth
Dolphin Striker: Old School
Press Room: Future Memory
Ri Ra: Oran Mor

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Concord
Hermanos: Dan Weiner

Dover
Fury's Publick House: Tim Theriault and Friends
Sonny's: Soggy Po' Boys

Gilford
Patrick's: Jon Lorentz hosts w/ feature - Don Bartenstein
Schuster's: Jazz Duo

Hampton
Boardwalk Café: Amanda McCarthy
Sea Ketch: Leo Co/Michael Mazola/Ray Zerkle
The Goat: American Ride Duo

Hanover
Canoe Club: Bob Lucier

Manchester
Derryfield: Deck- Brad Bosse
Fratello's: Phil Jacques
Murphy's: Chris Lester
Shaskeen: Walker Smith
Strange Brew: Ken Budka
Whiskey's 20: Sammy Smoove & DJ Gera

Merrimack
Homestead: Paul Luff

Nashua
Fratello's: Kieran McNally

Newmarket
Stone Church: SpeakEazy:
Church Street Jazz Band /
Bluegrass Jam Late

Peterborough
Harlow's: Celtic Music Jam

Portsmouth
Dolphin Striker: Dave Gerard
Press Room: Jazz Jam w/ Larry Garland & Friends

Seabrook
Chop Shop: Bare Bones

Wednesday, July 13
Concord
Hermanos: Joe Rillo & Doug Bennett

Dover
Fury's: Kenny Brothers

Dublin
DelRossi's Trattoria: Celtic and Old Timey Jam Session

Gilford
Patrick's: Cody James - Ladies Night
Schuster's: Dan Carter

Hampton
Bernie's Beach Bar: 6 1 7
Boardwalk Café: Ed Antonelli
Sea Ketch: Leo Co/Dave Gerard/JD Ingalls

Hanover
Canoe Club: TBD

Hillsborough
Turismo: Blues jam, Jerry Paquette & the Runaway Bluesmen

Laconia
T-Bones: Brad Myrick

Manchester
Derryfield: Deck- Justin Cohn
Fratello's: Jeff Mrozek
Murphy's: Ryan Williamson
Wild Rover: Dance Night

Merrimack
Homestead: Phil Jacques
Tortilla Flat: Brandon Lapere

Milford
Tiebreakers: Brian Weeks

Nashua
Fratello's: Chris Lester

Plaistow
Racks: DJ Sensations

Portsmouth
Dolphin Striker: Bob & Alexa
Press Room: Miss Maybell and Slimpickin's
Red Door: Red On Red w/ Evaready (Ladies Night)
Ri Ra: Erin's Guild
Rudi's: Dimitri



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- 17 "Oh, that's a horrible pun"
reaction
18 Surname in the "Cats" credits
19 25%, for the generous
20 Southern city and production site
for the Manhattan Project
23 Kermit sipping tea with the
caption "But that's none of my busi-

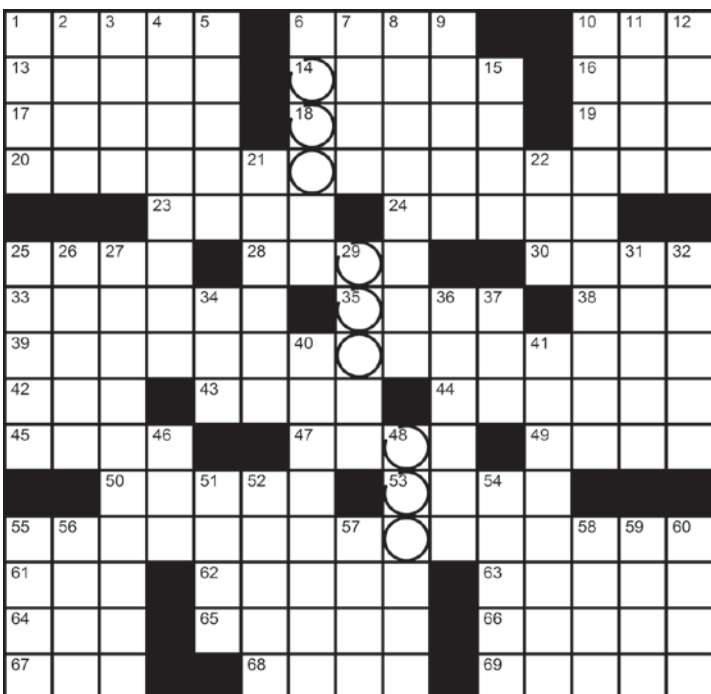
- ness,” e.g.
24 Credited in a footnote
25 Red Muppet who’s always 3 1/2
years old
28 Digging
30 Author of “J’accuse”
33 Liam of “Taken”
35 Grabs a bite
38 ___ du pays (homesickness)
39 “Please keep in touch!”, some-
what quaintly
42 Prefix for cycle or brow
43 Real estate measurement
44 “This Is Spinal Tap” director Rob
45 Coral color
47 Climactic intro?
49 Impact, e.g.
50 Hipster feature, maybe
53 Compound with a doubly-linked

- carbon atom
55 Hajj
61 Disco or Big Band
62 Love by the Louvre
63 Message with a subject line
64 “Arabian Nights” creature
65 Bindi Irwin’s mom
66 “With parsley,” on French menus
67 Cartridge contents
68 Cohort of Roger, George, Pierce,
Timothy, and Daniel
69 Vicuña’s home

Down

- 1 Jason's ship, in myth
- 2 Spencer of "Good Morning America"
- 3 "Return of the Jedi" critter
- 4 Closest
- 5 He said "I can't hear you, Bert, I've got a banana in my ear"
- 6 FC Barcelona goalkeeper Marc-Andre ter ____
- 7 Fit for the job
- 8 Shower apparel?
- 9 Rice-____ ("The San Francisco Treat")
- 10 "Blueberry Hill" singer
- 11 Award bestowed by the Village Voice
- 12 "Looney Tunes" Casanova ____
- Le Pew

- 15 “Leave it,” to a typesetter
21 Key of Beethoven’s Ninth
22 “Oh really? ____ who?”
25 Become, finally
26 “Jurassic Park III” star Tea
27 Tommy Lee Jones/Will Smith
movie of 1997
29 Twin sister and bandmate of
6-Across
31 Approach bedtime
32 Observant
34 “Diary ____ Wimpy Kid”
36 2006 Winter Olympics host
37 Eur. country with a king
40 Cap’n O.G. ____ (literacy-pro-
moting cat and host of 1980s “ABC
Weekend Specials”)
41 Chuck Connors TV western,
with “The”
46 “Tap takeover” unit
48 Bygone medicated shampoo
brand
51 “I smell ____”
52 “Blue” singer LeAnn
54 Last of the Greeks?
55 “Frasier” actress Gilpin
56 Manganese follower
57 Psychic radiance
58 Joker, e.g.
59 Cannes presentation
60 Some family speakers at a nota-
ble June 2016 funeral



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Cancer (June 21 – July 22) *Whenever something breaks in our apartment, I just look at my wife sheepishly and say, “We should call someone.” I don’t even call. My wife calls. I can barely figure out the phone. When the handyman comes over, I just kind of silently watch him work. I don’t know what to say. “You want some brownies? My wife could bake us some brownies. I’d bake them, but I don’t know how to turn the oven on.” I try to act like I’m working on something more important. Call someone.*

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) *I go to coffee shops for good coffee, and amateurs go for coffee-flavored milkshakes. I find it humorous that adults have found a way to use coffee shops as a means to not look ridiculous by walking around in broad daylight with a huge cup of ice cream with a straw in it. “It’s a Frappuccino! I’m an adult!” It is what it is.*

Virgo (Aug. 23–Sept. 22) *Most Americans eat constantly. And when we’re not eating, we’re chewing gum. We are literally practicing eating. Practice makes perfect.*

Libra (Sept. 23–Oct. 22) *If someone orders something I was going to order, I suddenly feel like I have to change my order. I know it’s irrational, but I don’t want that person to think I’m copying, or I don’t want the chef to get bored. Don’t worry about the chef.*

Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21) *“Snails are a delicacy.” Compared with what? Barnacles? Slugs? ... “Snails are hard to come by.” Really? Give me a shovel and twenty minutes. It’s all relative.*

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) *Now ... I love going to the grocery store. For me it’s like going to an art museum of food I’ve eaten. Ah, the work of Frito-Lay. What a lovely exhibit. ... In grocery stores food is on*

display at its finest. All the produce is shiny and color coordinated. You can make art out of anything.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) *When I’m lying in bed thinking about cheese, which is usually every night, I’m typically thinking about Cheddar cheese. It is the utility cheese. It works great everywhere. Great on a hamburger, great on a sandwich, even great with a piece of apple pie! Wow! You go, Cheddar! You need a utility player.*

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) *I am a fast eater. I normally am the first one to finish eating my entire plate of food at a restaurant, and then I have to just sit there and stare at everyone who has barely unfolded his or her napkin. Take it slow.*

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20) *The “extreme” products of any kind make you feel like a coward eating the regular stuff. “Hey, look at that wimp eating regular Doritos. You can’t handle the extreme Doritos, can you?” Regular is just fine.*

Aries (March 21 – April 19) *Everyone pauses at the bacon tray, trying to evaluate what a socially acceptable amount of bacon to put on your plate might be. The bacon tray is always at the end of the buffet. This is a crafty attempt by the chef to preserve the limited and endangered resource that is bacon. Preserve your resources.*

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) *The scent of bagel perfection was like a comforting welcome from an old friend. ... Eating the delicious bagel was like a reassuring hug telling me that even if the audience didn’t get me, the bagel did. A bagel is not your best confidante.*

Gemini (May 21 – June 20) *... I don’t understand American cheese. Maybe the idea was “Let’s make a cheese that resembles real cheese but has no taste. You know, for people who like to melt things and hate themselves.” Go for the real thing.*



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Longtime recurring theme

In May, an apparently devout woman named Katy Vasquez of Winter Park, Florida, posted a sincerely written entry on Facebook (and told Huffington Post in an interview) that she had just seen a "sign from God" a cross as a smudge in her infant's soiled diaper. "I prayed to God for a sign that everything would be OK," she gushed to the reporter. "It might not be the prettiest sign, but he put it where he knew I'd see it." (Hence, News of the Weird retires the recurring theme begun in the 1980s with Jesus in a rust stain on an abandoned refrigerator.)

Right here in New Hampshire

To their surprise, Sophie Scafidi and friends, on an outing in Hampton Beach, New Hampshire, in June, learned that a man spying on and photographing them through a camera lens hidden in a Gatorade bottle painted black was not violating any law. Although the lens was rigged to the man's phone, which contained beach photos, including some of children, police informed Scafidi that even surreptitious photography in sleazy circumstances, as long as done on public property, was legal and that the only law broken in the incident was by the person who snatched the "camera" to show police.

Fine points of the law

A court in Canberra, Australia, found Wesley King not guilty of a 2014 burglary despite his DNA's having been found at the crime scene on underpants containing his fresh feces. Wrote Chief Justice Helen Murrell in June: There is a "reasonable possibility" that the burglar was someone else who was wearing unwashed underwear that had previously been worn by the accused. (Thus, she found King not guilty of all charges.)

Weird science

• Medical Daily, in a May review of recent cases, noted progress in dealing with Cotard's syndrome, a disorder that leads patients to believe they have no blood or vital body parts or feeling as if they are dead (or may as well be). Studies show one in about 200 psychiatric patients exhibit the symptoms, and one doctor, describing a brain scan of his patient, said brain activity resembled that of a person in a coma or under anesthesia. Cotard's, also known as walking corpse syndrome, leads patients to thus avoid eating or bathing (asking themselves, why bother?).

• The Sacramento (California) Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals put out a call for help in April after stray kittens were found dumped in a yard, with only two still alive but nearly blind with

eye infections and needing animal blood for a serum that might save the eyes. The call was "answered" by the rescue dog Jemmie. After Jemmie's blood "donation" (not a transfusion, since the blood went only to make the serum), vets reported saving one eye of one of the kittens, earning Jemmie a "special" reward. (Said vet Sarah Varanini, "There's nothing in life [Jemmie] likes more than kittens.")

• Even though extraordinarily rare, two people recently reported foreign accent syndrome after their brain traumas apparently caused crossing of cranial "wires." (1) "J.C.," 50, was described in the journal Cortex as an energetic Italian who, after a brain injury, inexplicably speaks constantly in "emphatic, error-prone French." (2) Six months ago, Lisa Alamia of Rosenberg, Texas, awoke from surgery inexplicably speaking in a British accent (particularly confusing her family and friends since she previously spoke not so much "English" as "Texan"). Medical experts cited by CBS News reported that fewer than 100 people worldwide have ever been diagnosed with foreign accent syndrome.

Redneck chronicles

At the monthly pro wrestling show in Ringgold, Georgia, in June, Patricia Crowe, 59, apparently having had enough of "bad guy" Paul Lee, reportedly jumped into the ring to rescue "good guy" Iron Mann, whom Lee had "tied up" and been beating with a chair. First, she cut Mann loose with her knife and then pulled a loaded handgun on Lee (and was eventually arrested by sheriff's deputies). Crowe admitted that

Lee's earlier "mean" banter with ringside patrons had unnerved her, especially when he told Crowe to sit her "toothless self back down."

Compelling explanations

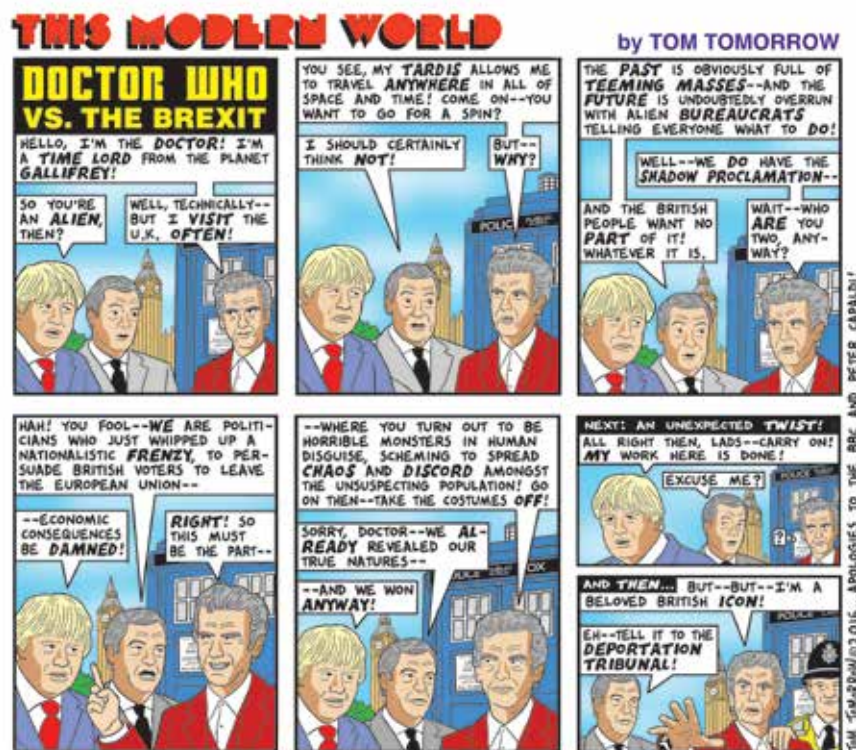
• A former Malaysian legislator (Mr. S. Manikavasagam), who was charged in June with taking a bribe worth about US\$7,300 from a contractor, claimed innocence that somehow a package of money was thrown into his car as he drove down a city street.

• A woman in Goldsboro, North Carolina, acquired a freezer from her neighbor several months ago but said she hadn't looked inside until May, when she discovered parts of a dead body (and called authorities). She said the neighbor had discouraged her from opening the freezer because "a church" was using it as a "time capsule."

Government in action

The Illinois secretary of state stopped mailing reminders about license-plate renewal deadlines in October because his office said the state could no longer afford the \$450,000-a-month mailing cost (thus saving taxpayers \$3.6 million so far). The Belleville (Illinois) News-Democrat and The Associated Press reported in June that the state has collected (not surprisingly!) \$5.24 million more in the resultant "late fees" people had to pay on their license-plate renewals than it had collected the year before the reminders stopped. (A proposal for a 30-day grace period for expired plates failed in the just-concluded legislative session.)

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